



- **Nursery School**
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## Newsletter December 2018

### Lantern Parade

We are very excited to be taking part in the Roehampton Lantern Parade once again this Christmas. There will be a number of free Lantern Workshops run by local artists for the children over the next few days at the Day Nursery and Nursery school. If you cannot make it to one of our workshops please see leaflet attached for other dates and venues. Whether or not your child takes part in a workshop, do join us on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> December at 3.45pm for the Lantern Parade down to the Roehampton Village Centre. A lovely community event for everyone and for us all to be proud to be part of Eastwood!

## Festival of Light - Diwali and Bonfire Night

An exciting and very busy evening for everyone on November 7<sup>th</sup> as we celebrated both Diwali and Bonfire Night with a short story clip of Rama and Sita (courtesy of CBeebies), learning how to make a Rangoli Pattern, toasting marshmallows on the campfire and of course a mini firework display!

We had lots of fun and really want to thank the many parents and children who came to join in!



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### Breakfast Club

We have places available at the Nursery School Breakfast Club. The service requires regular attendance but represents good value with a nutritious breakfast, play and fun with our qualified leader from 8.00am in the morning. Please contact Hope Francis for further information.



## Forest School News

The days turning colder provides a good reason for us to light up the camp-fire and enjoy some warm drinks! As well as taking part in Forest School outings the children have been learning to heat water on the camp-fire and have experimented with making fruit and herbal teas – including making their own fruit tea from scratch!

The children are making and filling bird feeders and learning to recognise some of our feathered friends - here are a few to help you on your way home: -

Ring Necked Parakeet



Magpie



Great Tit



## Sponsored Walk

All the Nursery School children took part in a fun sponsored walk with up to 5 laps of the garden to raise funds to help Santa fund their Christmas presents and some new books for the lending library. All the staff worked really hard to make this an exciting activity for the children and would like to thank you for your generous sponsorship- we raised a massive **£518.00**



## Dads Go Wild

'Dads Go Wild' is our monthly Saturday morning outdoor activity session for all young children in the area. Dads, granddads, uncles are all welcome with any child from birth upwards. Our next session is 9.30am to 11.30am on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2019 - meet at the Nursery School (no need to book and no charge). Meet other dads and male carers for a relaxed nature walk with an art activity and campfire.



### Dads Go Wild Dates Winter and Spring 2019

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| Saturday 5 <sup>th</sup> January  |
| Saturday 2 <sup>nd</sup> February |
| Saturday 2 <sup>nd</sup> March    |
| Saturday 6 <sup>th</sup> April    |

You and your child will need to be dressed appropriately for outdoors activities that last about 2 hours.

## Wandle Early Years Hub



We were delighted to be asked by the Council to provide training for other Children's Centres on our Fantastic 2s programme. All of the Wandsworth Children's Centres attended our course run by Jennie, Hannah and Rob. We had excellent feedback and we continue to support other Centres in setting up their own version of Fantastic 2s.

All of the Eastwood staff participated in the Wandle Teaching School Alliance Primary Learning Day on October 29<sup>th</sup>. We enjoyed (and helped to provide) a wide range of practical workshops and heard from international speakers Professor Robert Winston and Michael Rosen.

Eastwood has also provided 2 days of training for newly qualified teachers in Wandsworth and Croydon. Throughout the year we welcome these new teachers over 9 half days to explore aspects of early years practice and provide plenty of practical advice!

## Nursery School Applications (Places for September 2019)

If you or anyone you know is seeking a high quality nursery education place for a 3 or 4 year old for September 2019 then please try and get your applications to Eastwood Nursery School by February 8<sup>th</sup> 2019. Show rounds are on Fridays at 10.00am but we can do other times by arrangement. We really hope that you will want your child to join Eastwood and have an excellent start to their education.

If you are interested in a free place for your 2 year old then please make contact with our Children's Centre on 020 8876 3976 opt 3

## Children's Centre Consultation

We have really encouraged users of our Children's Centre programme to respond to the Council's Children's Centre Reorganisation Consultation.

The Consultation does not propose any changes to services in Roehampton but you may feel that there are points you want to make about services for young children and families in the area.

## Learning and Teaching at Eastwood

In **oak class** the children have been enjoying guessing games and making predictions of what's inside boxes. They have been building using different bricks and making their own structures. They have been engaging in hide and seek in the garden and exploring how their bodies move with jumping and rolling. Children have also spent time in Blossom class supporting the younger children. The children have also made their lanterns for the parade!

In **cedar class** the children have been making miniature structures using cocktail sticks and marshmallows. Some of the children made snowmen and diamonds. In addition to this the children have been making different moulds out of clay which they have then dried and painted, some of their designs have included worms and beanstalks.

This week across the Day Nursery all of the children have been busy with Everybody Bake Together and we would like to thank all of our parents who came in to bake with the children as well as all of those who bought some of our bread, cakes and biscuits. We raised **£50.00**

**Blossom Class:** The children have been enjoying some large scale mark making; this started with dropping powder paint onto the floor and then developed into pushing large cars through paint. The children have also been experimenting with different textures which included play with uncooked and cooked pasta, cooked rice and spaghetti hoops. The children transferred foods into containers and had a testing session.

Children joined in with the nursery rhyme 'Five currant buns' using an interactive game where they squashed moulds of shaving foam and found it hilarious as this went everywhere.

**Maple Class** explored the books 'We're Going on Bear Hunt' by Michael Rosen and 'Shh! We Have a Plan' by Chris Haughton - leading to making cave sculptures and acting out stories in the garden!

**Beech Class** has been looking at their Core Book 'Stuck' by Oliver Jeffers. They have made a huge interactive and collaborative sculpture, thinking about things that could get stuck in a tree!

**Chestnut class** children have been enjoying their Forest School outings.

## Eastwood Children's Centre News

### ADULT EDUCATION

#### New groups for children

Our new group for 2 year olds on Tuesday afternoons is proving to be popular - 'Just for 2s' follows on from the morning 'Fantastic 2s' session. This provides another opportunity for some of the older children using the Centre.

#### Library session

We are running a new Rhyme Time group in partnership with Roehampton Library on Wednesday mornings. Please do come along with your young child and enjoy the library as well as the group!

#### Adult Education

The groups for ESOL and English Skills are now full and the children are settled into the crèches so they are full also! Good luck to the students who will be working hard all year on these courses.

Look out for our exciting Spring programme. There will be some new activities including the Solihull Parents' Course.

## Safeguarding Update

You can find a copy of our Behaviour and Positive Touch Policy on the website. At Eastwood we regularly review our practice and ensure that new staff and volunteers are trained in our approach. We always try to manage children with respect and kindness.

### In particular we try to:

- Acknowledge the child's behaviour and feelings
- Empathise with the child's emotions
- Explain what is and isn't appropriate
- Action - help the child to move forward in a positive way
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## Primary School Applications

If your child turns 4 by 31st August he/she should be starting school in September 2019.

### YOU MUST APPLY BY 15<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2019

If you have not applied yet and need some help with the process please speak to the Family workers (Liz or Ann)

## Parking

Please remember that **Disabled Parking Bays** are only for use by vehicles displaying **Blue Badge** and families with disabled children.



## Key diary dates

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| 6 <sup>th</sup> December at 4.30pm         | Hanukkah Bedtime story - a children's storytime about this special festival with a warm drink and a treat       |
| 12 <sup>th</sup> December at 4.00pm        | Roehampton Lantern Parade starts at Eastwood  |
| 13 <sup>th</sup> December                  | Santa visiting Eastwood Nursery School  |
| 14 <sup>th</sup> December                  | Christmas lunch for Eastwood Day Nursery  |
| 14 <sup>th</sup> December at various times | Christmas concerts / family sing-a-longs (parents and grandparents very welcome) and Santa visiting Day Nursery |
| 14 <sup>th</sup> December morning          | Children's Centre Christmas Party (booking required)  |
| 18 <sup>th</sup> December                  | Christmas lunch for Nursery School  |
| 20 <sup>th</sup> December                  | Last day of term for Nursery School – collect children from 2.00pm.   |
| 21 <sup>st</sup> December                  | Last day for Day Nursery  |
| 24 <sup>th</sup> December                  | Last day for Children's Centre  |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> January 2019               | Day Nursery and Children Centre re-opens  |
| Saturday 5 <sup>th</sup> January 2019      | Dads Go Wild  |
| Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> January 2019        | Nursery School re-opens   |

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