



Message from the Head Teacher

Dear Parents/Carers,

Our new Reception children have settled in so well. I enjoyed seeing them chatting away, making new friends, playing, learning, feeling already that this is their school. Many thanks to our Reception team who have created such a welcoming environment. Reception parents please remember that doors open at 8.30 and you are invited to come into the class room with your child to find out what they are doing, help them with their morning task, give feedback about their learning at home and talk with the staff.

Year 1 and 2 parents! We will be starting FAMILY FRIDAYS soon. On these days, you will be invited to come into class with your child and help with their morning task, see what they've been up to and share any thoughts with their class teacher. Amy Sivadasan will be letting you know more about this soon.

Please add book week into your diary 4th-8th November- children should come dressed up as an animal on Friday 8th November. The story this year is about a boat, a man, a snake, a fish and a big storm!!

I hope you have a good weekend - there is a Ratha Yatra festival in Ilford which will be a great experience, I'm sure.

With kind wishes James Biddulph, Head Teacher

FREE SCHOOL MEALS APPLY HEREIN

Children whose parents receive the following support payments are entitled to receive free school meals:

- Income Support (IS)
- Income Based Jobseekers Allowance (IBJSA)
- An income-related employment and support allowance (this benefit was introduced on 27 October 2008)
- Support under part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999; or
- Child Tax Credit, provided they are not entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual income (as assessed by Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs) that as of 6 April 2010 does not exceed £16,190.
- Working Tax Credit -during the four-week period immediately after your employment ceases, or after you start to work less than 16 hours per week, your children are entitled to free school lunches
- The Guarantee element of State Pension Credit.
- Universal Credit - [Please view further information.](#)

If, after reading the information on this page and on the

Diwali Blues! It is with regret that we cannot host a Diwali event this year. This is because the hall is part of the construction work. I know you will be disappointed but I hope that we have an even bigger event in the Spring. Holi here we come!!

PARKING PROBLEMS

We know that it is difficult to park in our locality. Please do not park in the Craven Gardens residential space or in Carlton Drive. We have had several complaints from our local community about this – and we want to develop a positive relationship with them. Every complaint takes about 20 minutes to deal with...taking our time away from your children and in ensuring the very best teaching for them.

Reception curriculum: download the document from

<http://www.foundationyears.org.uk/early-years-foundation-stage-2012/>

safeguarding

"Everyone has a responsibility for safeguarding children." Junaida Bana is the Designated Officer for Child Protection with Amy Sivadasan as her Deputy. If you want to discuss anything of concern please do not hesitate to contact Junaida in the first instance.

Key Dates:

26th Sept: Year 2 Parent Curriculum Meeting

27th Sept: Reception classes set in formal groups

9th Oct: Eid Celebration

11th Oct.: INSET (No children)

28th Oct – 1st November: Half Term

4th Nov: Book Week (8th Nov: Dressing up as book character day!)

Uniform is compulsory. We will expect all children to wear the correct school uniform. Please contact Kelly in the office if you need help purchasing this. Children entitled to Free School Meals have 50% off their jumper. See Kelly about this.

READING VOLUNTEERS

If you want to be a reading volunteer and help our children love reading this is your last chance! Please come on 24th September and meet with Junaida Bana at 8.40 for a

Happy Birthday to you!!

Parents have asked if they can bring in sweets to celebrate their child's birthday. Unfortunately this is not possible because children suffer from a variety of allergies. However, if you want to celebrate your child's birthday at school, please donate a picture book, or buy a board game (connect 4, snakes and ladders etc) to add to our wet play games. You can also send in fruit.

BROOM AND BREAKFAST

Looking for volunteers to sweep play ground and along pathways, weed around the main building, pick up litter across site, paint hut in the playground.

when: Sat 21 Sept, 8.30am-12pm

Please txt Shlien if you are available to help for 30mins or more - 07711

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Please do not send your child to school with makeup, nailpolish or jewellery. This is not part of our uniform. Jewellery can be dangerous and may be lost or damaged. We cannot be responsible for any loss or damage

Edible Gardens!

Interested in growing more in your garden that you can actually eat? Have a look at this exciting day's event hosted by one of our parents

<https://www.facebook.com/events/598322850214140/>

Is your garden getting out of control or taking up too much time to manage. Would you like to make it low maintenance while producing lots of food, herbs, spices, soaps, medicines, etc?

Transition Town Ilford present

How to create Low Maintenance, Edible Landscapes the permaculture way

Date: Saturday 12th October 2013 and concluding on Saturday 19th October 2013

Timings: 9.30am to 5.30pm

Venue: South Park Drive, Ilford, Essex (Full address to be given on application)

Attendance Matters:
Did you know that if your child is late for 5 minutes everyday, they lose out on 3 whole days of learning!
Head Teachers are no longer allowed to authorise extended holidays. The school operates a zero tolerance policy so that we give the best to every child.

"In the depth of winter, I finally learned that within me there lay an invincible summer."

— Albert Camus