

*"We will work in partnership with you to continue to build the unique foundations for your child's learning"*

## Newsletter May 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

I know that life is starting to return to normal, and there are many more places that have opened up to us and hopefully more will continue to return to normal. However; it is important that you remember that we are not COVID free even if we have had the vaccination it can still be caught. The advice given to me as head of the school is that nothing has changed if you or your child has symptoms of COVID. **These are a TEMPERATURE; Continuous COUGH; loss of TASTE or SMELL - you must self-isolate or take a test.** If you do not want your child to have a test, then they will need to stay at home for 10 days. (We have learning packs that you may borrow for your child whilst they are at home.)

Gentle reminder about some of the ways that we will work to stay safe and how you can help us with this;

**Masks;** We would ask that all adults wear a mask when they are on site, unless they are exempt.

**Adults on site;** We would like to limit the number of adults on site so only one person at a time to bring or collect the children, if it is possible please try to limit the number of different adults that come and collect the children.

**Social Distancing** Please remember that it is still important that you maintain SOCIAL DISTANCING when waiting to bring your child in, and to collect them.

**Settling new children** If you are new to the school, it is still important that we work together to settle your child. If you come in the classroom, please remember to wash your hands and to wear a mask.

**Crossing the white lines** White lines have been painted across the front of each classroom. Once your child is settled please do not cross the line. This will help us to all stay safe.

We have worked very hard over the last year to keep everyone safe. We are very proud that we have only had one positive case of Covid-19 in our school community.

We are still maintaining all the cleaning and washing that is necessary between each session in order that we are all able to stay safe.

### WELCOME

*We have a number of children starting in school this term. Some of them were due to start in January but were unable to because of the lockdown. So a very big welcome to;*

***Star Room; Bella; Sanah; Claudiu; Vilius; and Bernardo.***

***Moonlight Room; Gabriel; Rebeca; Skye; Ray; Temi; Laura; Ava; Rosie; Frankie; Medina; Namami; Lunar, Dolcie, Ivaan, Sabina and Ilerioluwa.***

***Space Room; Eva, Artemiy, Neveah, Harry, Zakariya, Irah, Emma, Harmony, Aidan and Uroosa.***

*Some of the parents had older siblings and some of the parents attended here as children, it's wonderful that we have stayed as part the community all these years.*

## Diary dates

31<sup>st</sup> May - 5<sup>th</sup> June Half term week - No school.

Monday 7<sup>th</sup> June - INSET - No school.

Our caterpillar eggs will be arriving the week after half term.

Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> June - School Photographer.

We are hoping to be able to arrange some meetings for parents of children who will be leaving us in July. You will be directly contacted to make an appointment.

We will be arranging a Carnival for the children to celebrate the summer, it will be the culmination of two weeks of creative work that we will be doing with the children.

It is important to note that we will not be able to have any parents at any of the events that we are planning. We will be using our new communication system 'Tapestry' to share pictures and videos of these events.

## Tapestry

This year we decided that we wanted to have more of an opportunity to show you what your children have been up to in school. We are very conscious of the fact that the ways we have always have been able to tell you about what your child has been up to have been very disrupted due to Covid and lock downs. We have invested in a system called 'Tapestry', this is an online journal which helps us to record the children's learning. We are able to post pictures and videos of what the children are doing, which you are then able to view and comment on. You are given log in details and you are only able to see your child's entries. You will be asked to sign a form that you agree to this and you will have different options about what can be posted. We hope that this will be a way to increase the communication between us, as you can also post pictures about what has happened at home.

IF YOUR CHILD IS DUE TO STAY WITH US IN  
SEPTEMBER AND YOU THINK YOU MAY BE  
ENTITLED TO THE 30 HOUR ENTITLEMENT,  
PLEASE SPEAK TO THE OFFICE STAFF AS SOON  
AS POSSIBLE OR CHECK ONLINE AT

[www.chilcarechoices.gov.uk](http://www.chilcarechoices.gov.uk)

HMRC Helpline for Parents

0300 123 4097

### PLACES FOR SEPTEMBER

We have spaces for 3 and 4 year olds in September if you have any family or friends who may be interested please encourage them to fill in an application form. These can be found online and in the school office.

If you think your child may be entitled to a 2 year-old place, please go into the Children's Centre and enquire.

We would like to wish all our Muslim families, *EID Mubarak* as they celebrate *EID AL-FITR* the end of their fasting for Ramadan.

Thank you for all your support  
during this year.  
Gill and all the staff.