

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

## Newsletter May 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

### 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; Luna; Eden; Ezra and Noah*

*Moonlight Room; Olivia; Selis; and Nicole*

*Space Room; Ayo; Ewa; Toyosi; Bella; Louie Jay and Aarvi*

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

#### Diary dates

21<sup>st</sup> May Saturday stay and play; Growing and planting.

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

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> June - INSET - No school.

Our caterpillar eggs will be arriving the week of the 14<sup>th</sup> June.

Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> June - School Photographer.

Sports day - 1<sup>st</sup> July

Teddy Bears picnic - 20<sup>th</sup> July

Please note a change to the last day in school in July we will now finish on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> July.

### Tapestry

During the last year we have been using a system called 'Tapestry' to keep you up to date with activities that your children have been doing in school. This has been very successful and a big thank you to all the parents who have also posted pictures of what their child has been doing at home. Going forward we hope to be posting more things on line e.g.

Staff reading focus stories; Rhymes that we are doing with the Makaton signs that the children will be learning.

If you have not activated your account please let us know, and we will try and sort any problems out for you.

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

### Superhero outfits and clothes

Please don't send your child to school in superhero outfits or dresses. We are finding that the children's play is becoming limited as they only want to play superheroes, and as we don't let the children play outside in our dressing up clothes it's a challenge for the staff to manage.

As the weather is warming up we will be playing with more water. Please ensure your child has a change of clothes.

Please do not send your child to school in flip flops or sliders. These are dangerous when they run around. Please make sure that sandals have a back to them.

**If your child is off school for any reason, then please contact the school office. 020 8311 0619 or send an email to April. OFSTED and Royal Greenwich expect children to be attending 94% of the time. And we need to be able to tell them that we know the reasons for any absences.**

In the last newsletter I gave an idea for an activity to do at home with your child during the holiday. This month I am suggesting a number activity that you can do when you are coming or going from school;

Talk to your child about their age; show them the number and explain what it looks like; when you are out and about see how many different places you can find the number. On doors; buses; car number plates; in advertising; on takeaway menus.

There are lots of places tell me if you find an unusual place!

(If you want to extend the activity then use the numbers 1-5)

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.**

PLACES FOR SEPTEMBER  
We have spaces for 2, 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.