

PARENTS NEWSLETTER

October 2022

We would like to give a very big welcome to all our new children, (some of whom are still starting and settling. A big thank you to all the parents who are going backwards and forwards to bring and collect their children whilst they are settling and getting to know us. ☺).

In Star Room; Aleks; Emily-Rose; Arian; Harper; Louie; Tajus; Matus; Wren; Mateo; Kendrick; DJ; Alicia; Fabeha and Reenie who has joined from Space Room.

In Moonlight Room; Marius; Ryan; Daisie; Aryana; Sunny; Hope; Calleb; Anamta; Megan also Neno; Aretas; Amanda; Raifa; Chloe; Louie-Jay; Lavinia; Elijah; Aarvi and Krisha who joined from Space room.

In Space room; Teddy; Aadhis; Ryan; Abibat; Ryan; Edwin; Ronnie; Khadijah; Ethan; Destiny; Amaya; Yemi; Hamza; Omer; Maya; Freddie; Arthur; Macie; Tymari; Aida and Jordana who moved from Moonlight room.

Just a reminder of the session times now that we have more children having their full session.

AM 9am - 11.45/12.00 finish.

(all children to be collected by 12 as lunches are eaten at that time.)

PM 12.15 - 3/3.15 finish

(all children to be collected by 3.15 as staff need to use the time to clean and plan for the next day.)

Toileting

It is very important that we work together when toileting children. This helps to stop any confusion for them. At school the adults are not allowed to wipe your child after they have been to the toilet. This is to protect your child and our staff from any safeguarding accusations. This makes your role as the parents and carers even more important. Your child needs to be independent with this and it's your job to teach them ☺. We are happy to support you and to work with you to do this. They also need to start to be able to adjust their clothes afterwards and can only do this if you allow them to keep trying to do it themselves. If your child is still in nappies, then please make sure that they have a clean nappy on for the start of the session.

Stay and Play

Saturday 12th November 2022 10-11.30

'How we help your child to learn to read and what you can do to support your child.'

We will have activities and fun things to do and something for each child to take away. We are happy to answer any questions you might have. Unable to make that Saturday? Not



a problem, Gill will be holding 'drop ins' where we will also discuss and share ideas for reading. These will be on 18th October at 9.15 and 1pm, please book a place in the office. If demand is high, we will run more sessions.

School Fund Contribution

Please use the envelope attached for school fund. We ask for £5 each half term which helps us to buy the little things that we are unable to get from our budget. It pays for all the photos that we put in your child's profile, for the snacks that we give the children each day. We spend over £50 a week on fruit and snacks but we will not be able to continue to do this without your generosity.

Moving forward we will remind you about school fund through 'parent pay'. It is a voluntary contribution though, and we are always grateful for the money we get.

If your circumstances have changed and you might now be entitled to free school meals, then please contact us.

We are happy to try and support you with any application. Even though we are not giving all children lunch here, RBG is giving vouchers during the holidays until March 2023 if you are entitled to free school meals.

If you are struggling to cope, then please contact us. We can link you to the right places for support. Gill can also give Food bank vouchers which we know some families have found helpful.

As many parents and carers who have had other children at this school will know. We have a '**No mobile phone**' on this site. We ask that the mobile phones are placed in pockets or bags until you are back out on to the road. There are two reasons for this. We know that images of children are taken in school and posted to the internet without parental consent. There was a case in another area of a child being abused whilst it was live streamed. In this school the cloakrooms are in or near the toilets. We have a duty to protect **your** child, we do this by banning mobile phones. It is also a really nice time to be able to talk to your child about what they might do or did do at school that day.
Thank you



Heritage Week & A Book sale.

As part of 'Black History Month' we focus on the children's heritage; we will hand out a separate flier for that. This year it be run the 17th - 21st October.

On Tuesday 18th October we will be selling books. We will have new books at £3 each and second hand books for £1. (If you have any good quality books that you no longer need we would welcome any donations.) The money raised by the sale goes towards buying Christmas presents for the children.

Birthdays: we are always happy to help the children celebrate their birthdays. We love it when you bring in fruit for the children to share. But please note that we WILL NOT give out party bags or gifts to the other children. We have children who are allergic to a number of different things, and it can lead to pressure for other parents to do the same.

As always thank you for taking the time to read this. Gill & all the staff