

EYFS Newsletter

Autumn 2
3rd December 2021

Chisenhale Primary School



Learning Together for a Better Future



Events & Celebrations

Next **Thursday 9th December** EYFS will have a visit from the **Hobgoblin Theatre Company** who are going to do a performance and drama workshop of 'Jack & The Beanstalk' in the EYFS.



We would welcome a parental contribution of £2 per child towards the cost of this event.

Our **Christmas Dinner** and **Christmas Party** day will be on **Wednesday 15th December**.

CHRISTMAS PARTY

Children are welcome to wear their party clothes or Christmas jumpers on that day.

Important Information for Parents of Nursery Children

If you have a child in **Nursery** and you wish to apply for a place in our **Reception at Chisenhale**, the application phase for Reception 2022 remains open until the deadline date of **19 January 2022**. Parents need to submit their application online on www.eadmissions.org.uk

Parent Partnership

We have two designated email addresses for queries:

Nurseryteachers@chisenhale.towerhamlets.sch.uk

Receptionteachers@chisenhale.towerhamlets.sch.uk

Some parents have asked if there will be an EYFS Christmas Production this year. Due to the current situation with Covid-19 we will not be able to invite parents into the building. **Instead each class will be rehearsing and recording a video.**

Christmas Holiday

The end of this term will be **Friday 17th December** at 1.40pm. We will return to school on **Wednesday 5th January!**

This Week in the EYFS!

On Tuesday we enjoyed our visit from the **Drama4All Workshop** in school. The children had a wonderful time exploring the theme of [Outer Space](#). To complement the workshop, there is a free educational app for iPhones and iPads based around the theme of *Outer Space*. It contains fun games, creative tasks and videos of the themed songs and dances. Click [here](#) to download it free or [here](#) to find out more about the *Outer Space* theme. Perform regular weekly classes in the local area and they are offering a **special introductory discount** to all parents of Chisenhale School if they come along for a free trial session before Tuesday 21st December. To claim your discount, just call Perform on 020 7255 9120 quoting **CHIE211221** or book online at perform.org.uk.

WINTER

As Wednesday marked the beginning of Winter and Advent, it is beginning to feel a lot like Christmas in the EYFS! We are opening our Advent Calendars and Christmas decorations are beginning to appear as we prepare for our Christmas Celebrations. We will be learning about the Christmas Story and how Christmas is celebrated, including Christmas songs and rhymes which we hope you will enjoy hearing during the festive season.

Nursery have a weekly focus letter/sound in phonics and this week it has been **li** for ink, igloo and Iguanodon. We are thinking about things that begin with that letter/sound and are clapping the syllables in each word to develop our phonological awareness. **Reception** have completed Phase 2 of the THEP Phonics programme and have been using their developing phonic knowledge to read and write sentences in their own Naughty Bus Adventure Story. On Friday morning **Reception children** went on a bus trip to Canary Wharf in conjunction with their Transport topic.

We hope they didn't have to travel on a naughty bus!

Book Bags & Reading

Your child needs to bring their book bag into school every day. Please check their book bag daily for important letters or information. Initially we will be inviting your child to choose a book to take home and share with you every **Friday**.



How you can help
You can help by reading to and with your child every day.

How can I prepare my child to read?

Bikes & Scooters

We are able to accommodate bikes and scooters in the Early Years playground if your child chooses to scoot or cycle to school.

Clothing, Water Bottles & Lost Property

As it is now officially Winter please ensure that your child wears appropriate clothes to school including a **weatherproof coat** and **footwear**.

It remains important that your child has a **spare set of clothes** in their changing bag at school in case they get wet or dirty. This should include spare **socks** and **shoes**. If your child needs to change we will send the dirty clothes home in a plastic bag in their changing bag.

Please ensure spare clothes are replenished and returned the next day. **We will send all changing bags home at the end of this term for you to check and return in January.**

Children also need to continue to bring a **water bottle** into school every day. Please make sure it is named.

All personal property should be labelled clearly with your child's name and class!

It will help us to help your child to learn to look after their property.