



Learning Together for a Better Future



Events & Celebrations

Next **Tuesday 30th November** we have a **Drama4All Workshop** in school with a Space Theme for all our children to enjoy.



On **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**'.



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



We are sorry we cannot include more parents on **Reception's** bus trip to **Canary Wharf**. Trips in EYFS are not just about the destination but are important opportunities for children to develop their independence, confidence and ability to exercise self-control and self-regulation in a different setting. Doing trips without a parent, but with the support of an appropriate adult-child ratio to ensure safety, is important for development of PHSE in the EYFS.

Thank You for your support and co-operation!

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 but we are working on creative alternatives! Information to follow.

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!

This week **Nursery** children have been looking at a range of alphabetic texts to consolidate their knowledge of the alphabet. We have sung the alphabet song and done alphabet yoga! We have looked at the initial letter of our names and learned that this is always represented by an upper case or capital letter. We used potatoes to print the initial capital letter of our name. We have read many alphabetic texts including 'Zoe and her Zebra' by Stella Blackstone & Claire Beaton after which we made our own page for a class book of our names.



Nursery have a weekly focus letter/sound in phonics and this week it has been **Pp** for potato, princess and penguin. 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 been hearing about the adventures of '**The Naughty Bus**'. They have painted buses with passengers and identified their destination! They have continued their phonics programme focusing on the consonant digraphs **ss** and including **ll**. They have now completed Phase 2 of the THEP Phonics programme. On Thursday morning Reception were asked to go to Victoria Park to plant some bulbs in the open ground between the boating lake and the Children's Centre building where they will spend the Winter preparing to grow into flowers in the Springtime.

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.

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

Tower Hamlets are holding virtual information sessions for parents about Reception and Nursery admissions.

The final Reception session is scheduled for next Wednesday:

Wednesday 1st Dec – 10am

Link to sessions: <https://thpt2021.eventbrite.co.uk>