



EYFS Newsletter

Autumn 2
11th November 2022

Trips & Celebrations

Next week is anti-bullying week which we will be marking with **Odd Socks Day** next **Monday 14th** (wear odd socks!) and our **Teddy Bears' Picnic for Children in Need** next **Friday 18th November** when we are going to be dressing up in something **spotty** and bringing our teddies to tea!



On **Friday 2nd December** Reception classes are planning to make a bus trip to Canary Wharf. This will be the Grand Finale to literacy learning about 'The Naughty Bus!' More information to follow.

We would also like to remind you to save the date for our **Winter Fair, Friday 2nd December** from **3.30pm**. If you would like to help with this please email ptchisenhale@gmail.com

On **Wednesday 7th December** EYFS will have a visit from the **Hobgoblin Theatre Company** who are going to do a performance and drama workshop of '**Hansel & Gretel**'.



Our **Christmas Dinner** in school will be served on **Wednesday 14th December**.



Parent Partnership

We have two designated email addresses for queries:

Nurseryteachers@chisenhale.towerhamlets.sch.uk

Receptionteachers@chisenhale.towerhamlets.sch.uk

We will be holding our first **Parent Evening** of this year next **Tuesday 15th** and **Thursday 17th November**. Parents should have received notification of how to book their appointment via email and have received confirmation of the date and time that has been allocated. Please inform your child's class teacher if you have any issues with this and we will endeavour to resolve them.

Christmas Holiday

The end of this term will be **Tuesday 20th December** at **2pm**.

We will return to school on **Wednesday 4th January!**

This Week in the EYFS!

After all the excitement of last week, it was lovely to have all the children returning to school very settled and ready to learn.

In **Nursery** we read the story '**The Dot**' by Peter Reynolds, a story about a girl who learns to make her mark – and sign it! We have been making dot and spot drawings and paintings, inspired by Damien Hirst and Wassily Kandinsky. We have also been looking closely at our own names – identifying the initial capital letter and counting how many letters there are. We have looked at the position of our initial letter/sound in the alphabet. We also learnt a name rhyme as we explored similarities and differences in our names.



Reception have had a focus on oracy and PHSE this week. They have written their own guidelines for talking together in their class. They have continued the phonics programme focusing on the letter/sounds **u, r**. In mathematics they have been using number frames to investigate number bonds for 5. On Friday morning they held a short act of Remembrance in their classrooms by observing the two minute silence and then made some beautiful poppy pictures.

Our Learning Journeys

This weekend we will be sending home your child's learning journey ahead of our Parent Teacher Meetings next week. These are our record of your child's progress and attainment during the year.

Please ensure it is kept safely over the weekend and returned to us in the same condition on Monday morning.

Also, please do not share your child's photographs or information on social media as GDPR restrictions apply.

We hope you enjoy sharing them with your child and celebrating their work and play.

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 the weather is now more changeable, 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. Children also need to continue to bring a **water bottle** into school every day.