

The Rainbow



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The Newsletter For Easterside Nursery, Class 10, 11 & 12

The Early Years Team says:

We would like to take this opportunity to welcome you back to another school year. We hope you all had a wonderful summer and enjoyed some of the sunshine! It has been lovely to hear from the children about their summer holiday news, now that some of the restrictions have been lifted!

The last couple of years in school have been quite challenging, for both the children and parents. We were proud of how the children coped and managed with the changes to our routines, which were inevitably impacted during the pandemic. The children faced this with sheer determination and resilience and adapted well to both working in school and at home. During this time, parents and carers really supported and helped with this transition. We could have not done this without you all and for that, we are thankful. We continue to follow the Government guidelines around the importance of hygiene and will continue to adopt this approach with all of our children.

This year we hope that the lifting of restriction will continue, and are pleased to be able to plan and provide opportunities that unfortunately were unable to take place last year. We no longer have to be in separate bubbles and parents are able to come into school. One of the weekly events that we encourage parents to attend is 'Stay and Play'. This gives you opportunity to come and join the setting with your child every Thursday between 8.45-9.30am (12-12.30pm -Afternoon Nursery). During this time, you will not only be able to work alongside your child but also see your child working with both adults and their peers, see how specific activities and skills are taught through our play- based curriculum and have the opportunity to talk to teaching staff along the way. On some of these weeks, we will also be providing different themes and curriculum focuses. We look forward to seeing you all!

The Nursery new starters, Reception classes and our new children in Class 10 have started school so well. For those children starting full time school it has been wonderful to see how they have adapted to this. We are aware that certain transition opportunities were unfortunately unable to take place this year, such as parents invited for a school lunch with their child. However, the children have amazed us with their independence during this transition period- We could not be prouder!

The school will continue to keep you updated if there are any changes- this will be through the school APP and website. In the meantime, do not hesitate to ask a member of staff if you are unsure of anything.

We look forward to a positive year ahead!

Best wishes,

The Early Years Team



