


Parents & Carers:

Have you tried any of the exciting activities happening during the day in the **Children's Centre**?

- **Monday**
Make & Take Children's Craft (0-5yrs) 10-11.30am 
- **Tuesday**
Wrigglers & Jigglers (under 5 yrs) 10-11.30am
- **Wednesday**
Playtime Drop-in @ **Mary Sheridan** 1.30-3.00pm Appt. only
- **Thursday**
Rhyme Time (0-5yrs) 10-11.30am 
- **Friday**
Baby Zone (0-12months) 10-11.30am
Expectant parents welcome too!

Check out the Children's Centre leaflet for new courses each term.

Find out about our Children's Centre Services

Our outreach team offer support and advice on accessing work or education, claiming benefits, housing, 2 year old funding, SEND, plus information about what's happening in your area and Much More



Remember to look at the monitor in the reception area every morning for news of the day!

Our Fruit Table



Please contribute a few pieces of fruit weekly. We promote healthy eating and no longer receive free fruit .

A big thank you to all those parents & carers who have been bringing in fruit for the children!

Remember: Please ensure children are wearing sensible clothes that aid independence. Elasticated waists on skirts or trousers and velcro shoes all help a child to develop dressing skills! 



Ethelred Nursery School & Children's Centre Newsletter Autumn 2016



Dear Parents and Carers

We give a warm welcome to our new

children and their families who started at Ethelred this term. The children are settling in well and we hope that their time at Ethelred will be happy and fulfilling. The term has got off to a busy start and staff have been very busy providing a range of activities and experiences for the children to explore. Please come to our coffee morning on Wednesday 5th October at 9.30 where you can meet the Chair of Governors, the headteacher and other parents and be updated on our New Build Project.

Adam Matthews is our Chair of governors. Please have a look at the display in the entrance lobby to find out who the other governors are and what they do. If you are interested in becoming a parent governor, please speak to us.

At this time of year, we take part in collecting food and other items for a local homeless charity. Your contributions for this will be much appreciated. Along with many schools, we celebrate Black History Month. This will lead to a celebration at the end of term when we invite parents to take part. We will give you more details later on.

Thank you to all parents who are contributing to our School Fund, giving £1 per week. This money is used to provide additional treats for the children such as cooking, local trips and theatre visits for which we do not make an additional charge.

In order to ensure the safety of children, parents are asked not to leave the main gate open as they come in or leave our premises. We have set times for opening/closing at the start and end of day and this is managed. Please remember to supervise young children to prevent them escaping through the gate without an adult present. This will help us to keep all children safe.

Please make sure that your child is brought to school and picked up on time. This is important for the smooth operation of the Nursery and for establishing good habits. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.



Adam Matthews—Chair of Governors

We look forward to working with you and value your support.

Yours sincerely

Glenda King
Head teacher



Headteacher –Glenda King

Please Don't Be Late!

AM 9.15AM-11.45am **Register Closes At 9.30am**

PM 12.45pm-3.15pm **Register Closes At 1.00pm**

FT 9.15am-3.15pm **Register Closes At 9.30am**



We want to make sure that children get the maximum learning time possible whilst they are at Ethelred. It is important that teachers and children aren't interrupted because of other children arriving late.

Please telephone us if you are going to be unavoidably late and advise us of any absence! 020 7582 9711

If your child is full time and arrives after 9.30am, they might not be able to stay for lunch as numbers will have been sent to the school kitchen.

Safeguarding Children

Please help us to keep all children safe by not putting anything dangerous in their bags which are left on their pegs. **Please ensure that you do not leave medicines, creams, food items, sharp objects or anything that could possibly harm a child in your children's bags in the classroom.** We have a number of children with special dietary needs and allergies who could be harmed if they come into contact with things they are allergic to.

As you may be aware, children have access to their bags and they sometimes deliberately or mistakenly go in each other's bags. We, of course, direct them but cannot supervise every action.

All permitted medication needs to be given to keyworkers and our policy needs to be followed. A copy is available in the office for you to read. Thank you for your support in this matter.

Important Dates

Term Ends Friday 21st October 2016

Children Return to School Monday 31st October 2016

Last day for Children before Christmas Friday 16th December 2016

Learning Focuses This Term

Autumn - Exploring the Natural Environment by collecting leaves



Spiders — looking for webs in the garden and creating our own in the classroom

Settling In & Making Friends



Black History Month— the children will be visiting Brixton Market & we will be celebrating in the nursery with food and music



FIRE EXIT ROUTE

THANK YOU for keeping our Fire Exit Route clear by **NOT** leaving buggies, bikes & scooters in the main entrance area. This area needs to be kept clear. Please provide a chain & use the bike/buggy shelter .



Don't Forget to Choose a Library Book to Take Home Weekly



LOST PROPERTY



Please clearly label your child's clothes! There is less chance of the clothes getting lost or mixed up!

Our Lost Property Box is emptied each term.

So please check the box regularly!

PLEASE REFRAIN from using mobile phones in the Nursery & Children's Centre:

This is the children's environment which we feel ought to be respected.



School Fund is a Voluntary Contribution of £1

Payable on a Wednesday to the dogs!



A Big Thank You to all Parents & Carers who contribute.

School fund helps us to pay for all the extras such as school outings, cooking ingredients, & visiting theatre groups. It really does make a difference to the school.

STAFF NEWS

Sue Peyton joined us this term as a classroom teacher. She brings a wealth of experience to the team and has already had a very positive impact. Vella is currently on sick leave and is due back shortly.



Sue Peyton—Class Teacher

WE DO ENJOY CELEBRATING THE CHILDREN'S BIRTHDAYS BUT PLEASE MAKE SURE THAT BIRTHDAY CAKES BROUGHT INTO SCHOOL DO NOT CONTAIN NUTS



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