

## Parents & Carers: The Children's Centre is now at 14 White Hart Street SE11 4EP

- **Monday**  
Make & Take Children's Craft 10-11.30am  
Handsewing & Crafts—10 week course
- **Tuesday**  
Wrigglers & Jigglers (0-20 months) 10-11.30am
- **Wednesday**  
Playtime Drop-in @ **Mary Sheridan** 1.30pm-3.00pm
- **Thursday**  
Stay & Play 10-11.30am
- **Friday**  
Baby Zone 0-12 Months 10-11.30am  
Expectant parents welcome too!



## 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!**



## 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. **We would like to remind parents that it is important to bring and collect children on time. When children are consistently late this disrupts routines and it also upsets children if they are left and all other children are collected. Please remember to ring the school if you are 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.



## Ethelred Nursery School & Children's Centre Newsletter Spring 2016

### Dear Parents and Carers

I am pleased to report that we are settling in well after our move to Oakden Street. The children appear happy and I think having their favourite things around them and familiar adults as well as your support helped them to adapt to this big change. On behalf of the staff and governors, I would like to thank you for your understanding, patience and support which made this process bearable.

I would like to update you on how we are operating on the new site. Our outside space is very different with a lot more hard surfacing but as I look out through my window I can see active children exploring and playing happily together. We would like your help in developing the garden area which is bare soil at present. We will let you know after Easter what we are planning to do.

As we have limited space for lunch and kitchen facilities, Archbishop Sumner C of E Primary School has very kindly allowed us to use their large dining hall which is at other the end of the building. The children walk a short distance to reach the dining hall entrance and are properly supervised by a number of staff. It has become part of their end of morning routine. After lunch, the children are brought back to continue their afternoon session. This arrangement is not ideal but we are grateful to Archbishop Sumner for their support. The children have adapted to the arrangement quite well and this is because of the support and encouragement they are given by staff.

Emma will be leaving us at the end of term to go on maternity leave. We wish her well. The temporary keyperson for her group will be Vella Veliai who has been with us for a number of weeks.

A number of parents have been taking extended holidays in addition to the extensive fixed holidays planned for the year. Government and Local Authority advice is that parents use the allocated holidays and avoid taking extra holidays. Long periods of time out of nursery can affect children's progress and the nursery has to account for absences to Ofsted. Many primary schools charge fines when children are taken out of school to go on additional holidays. If a child is away for a long period of time, their nursery place may be affected and parents may need to reapply for a nursery place. Your cooperation in this matter would be greatly appreciated.

As we approach the Easter holiday, I would like to wish you all a peaceful and enjoyable time with your families and thank you again for your support.

Yours sincerely  
Glenda King  
Headteacher



Adam Matthews—  
Chair of Governors



Headteacher—**Glenda King**

### Safeguarding Children

Please help us to keep all children safe by not putting anything dangerous in their bags which are left on their pegs. 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.



Some adults are entering and leaving the nursery without closing doors behind them. Please remember to close all doors behind you to keep all children safe and secure. Please do NOT use the bolt on the outside gate in Oakden Street to keep the gate open.

Thank you for your support in this matter

### Important Dates

Term Ends on Thursday 24th March 2016

Children Return to School on Monday 11th April 2016

Inset Day Monday 25th April 2016 , Bank Holiday Monday 2nd May 2016

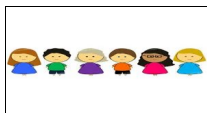
### Learning Focuses This Term—Change



**Change** in our Nursery School—the location, which we have explored by visiting local playgrounds— and the

new space into which we have now settled.

**Change** in Nature—making daffodils to celebrate Spring. (Next term we hope to have chicks in the nursery and visit Vauxhall City Farm)



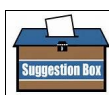
**Change** in people—making new friends and getting to know new keyworkers.



Thank you for your donations for our **World Book Day** celebration. We raised £35.00 which will go to Bookaid which supports children in Africa.

Please remember to book up for **Parent Conferences** with your child's keyworker. This will give you the opportunity to talk about your child's progress and to set learning targets.

Please use the Suggestion Box in the reception area to let us know your views. We would love to hear from you as we want to do the best we can for your children.



### 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! You can find it under the bookcase in reception.

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



### 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.

**If your child has an infectious illness such as measles or chickenpox, please can you let the nursery know as soon as possible as it can affect other children and staff.**

**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.



New Playground at Oakden



Reading on World Book Day

Music with Veronique

