

**Information for Parents and Carers**  
 The Children's Centre offers free activities for children from birth to five years  
 Stay and Play sessions 09.30 -11.00 on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday; Wednesday 1 - 3pm at Mary Sheridan  
 The Children's Centre Staff offer advice and support with:  
 30hr free child care offer  
 Finding training and work  
 SEND  
 Parenting Skills  
 Managing universal credits and MUCH MORE

We offer parents a range of courses each term. Please contact the staff at the children's centre for more information.

We work with the health teams to support your child's healthy growth and development. You can see the following services at the Centre:  
 Speech and Language Therapist  
 Nutritionists for advice about weaning  
 The child Development Practitioner for your child's 2year old review  
**Ring us or check the website for up to date information about how we may be able to support you and your family.**

We look forward to seeing you at the Centre.



Look at the monitor in the reception area every morning for news of the day!

## 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 absences on a daily basis 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.

If you need to pick up your child early please arrive before storytime begins. In the morning this is at 11.25 am and in the afternoon this is at 2.55pm

## 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 Spring 2018



## Dear Parents and Carers

We give a warm welcome to children and families who joined Ethelred at the beginning of the Spring term in January. The children have now settled in and are really enjoying their nursery experiences. Please remember to discuss with keypersons or myself any concerns you may have so that your child remains happy and benefits as much as possible from being at Ethelred.

Lots of active learning has taken place including visits to the Roots and Shoots environmental garden and fun in the recent snowfall.

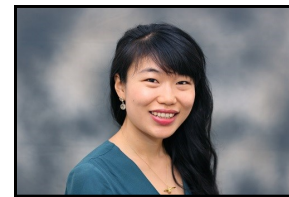
Please ensure you book up for parent conferences this week. This will give you the opportunity to discuss your child's progress and have a look at their learning journal. I would like to give you advance warning that the next inset day on Monday the 16<sup>th</sup> of April has been cancelled and another date will be arranged later in the school year. As many of you are aware, we should be moving into our new school in September 2018 and rearranging this date later in the summer term will be more useful for us. We will keep you informed of progress on the new build. It is located just past Lollard Street, off Kennington Road. At present it is covered from view as the building work continues but we hope to see more rapid progress in the next few months.

We have places in our Breakfast Club if you need childcare before school. The children have an enjoyable time eating and playing in safe surroundings.

Do remember that our Children's Centre offers a variety of free services for families. Pick up a leaflet from the nursery for up to date courses and information.



Tien Tien Tan - Deputy Chair of Governors



Kelly Lin - Chair of Governors

Thank you for your support and trust.

Yours sincerely  
 Glenda King



Glenda King - Headteacher

### 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**

Last Day of Term **Thursday 29th March 2018**

Children Return on **Monday 16th April 2018**

Bank Holiday (School Closed) **Monday 7th May 2018**

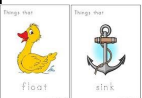
### **Learning Focuses This Term**

We are developing the children's thinking skills by encouraging them to both ask and answer questions, helping them to find new ways to solve problems, supporting them to 'have a go' and also to be persistent.



We have been carrying out floating and sinking experiments and Martha, our art specialist, has worked with Modroc. The children

have made collaborative box constructions where they add-on to other children's work. We have used our focus books of '3 Little Pigs' and 'The Gingerbread Man' to explore and experiment with different materials, shapes and spaces. The children are being asked 'What happens if?', 'What happens next?'



### **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 use the bike/buggy shelter near the main gate.**



**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!



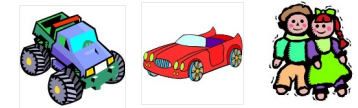
### **A Big Thank You to all Parents & Carers who contribute.**

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.



**Peanut butter, nuts and any products containing nuts MUST NOT BE BROUGHT into the nursery. This is to protect all children who may have a nut allergy.**

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



### **GATE SAFETY**

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 by staff. 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.

