



# Nottingham Nursery School Newsletter

Summer Term #2 - 2017



## Here comes the Summer!

As we embark on this final half term of the year, it is lovely to see the forest garden at its best. We have a busy half term ahead, here at nursery, with all of our end of year celebrations still to come. We have been really enjoying the warmer temperatures during outdoor play although the wind and rain have taken us a little bit by surprise!

## Garcia Project

The Rainbows children are involved in a project working with the Nottingham Contemporary Art Gallery and a local artist. They visited the



gallery on Monday this week and have been working with the artist today to create a wonderful piece

of work which will then be displayed at the gallery on 7<sup>th</sup> July.

## N2s dinosaur trip

The Rainbows, Kangaroos and Elephants are looking forward to their trip to Wollaton Hall on 3<sup>rd</sup> or 4<sup>th</sup> July to see the dinosaurs. Please note the revised price of this trip is £1.50, not £5 as mentioned in the letter. Remember to bring your slips and money back asap and do have a chat with Joanne on reception if you have any difficulties with the payment.



## Snack

Just a quick reminder that all children are offered the chance to have a portion fruit and a carbohydrate based snack, along with a drink of milk or water, every session. This is provided by school but we ask that parents make a contribution of 50p/wk for part-time children (£1 for full time) to contribute to the cost of this. There is a box on reception for you to post your money into. Many thanks.



## UK Day



We had a smashing time in school last week when the Queen came to visit us for UK day. The children met her, sampled scones and jam and joined in with different UK customs. What a lot of fun!

## Full-time places in September

As you are probably aware, the government has changed the rules about which children are going to be eligible for full time (30 hours per week) places in September. We are planning to continue to offer the free 15 hours and the free 30 hours to all eligible children. If you are planning to take your child to a different setting in September as a result of this, please could you let us know as it would really help us with place planning for next term.



## Be on time please

Please could you make sure that you are on time to collect your children. Our staffing rotas do not allow for us keep your child later than planned so if you are late, staff will be looking after your child in what should be their own time. Late pick-ups in the middle of the day mean that staff can end up with unreasonably short lunch breaks.

## Dinner monies paid by end of term

Please make sure that you are up-to-date with paying any money owed for dinners / extra care before the end of term.



### Transfer to Reception

If your child is starting in reception in September, please could you let us know about any visits which are planned as soon as possible. We are in the process of planning fun things for the end of term and would like to work around any visits so that the children don't miss out.

### Tiny Tappers dancing – spaces available

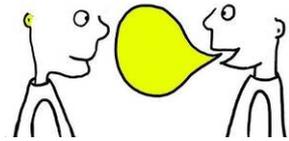


Our weekly tap dancing sessions (for full-time boys and girls) is running every Tuesday from 3-3.30pm. We do have a couple of spaces left so if your child would like to sign up,

please ask at reception. The cost is £1.50 per week and includes use of their tap shoes and dance clothes.

### ESOL Classes

Naheed Walait (parent governor and qualified ESOL teacher) has been running English classes for parents this term. These have been well attended and we are very grateful



to her for giving us such a generous amount of her time. As these have been so successful, we may go on to offer them again so watch this space!

### Family Photo project

Our involvement with the Nottingham Contemporary Art Gallery through the family photo project was a real success. We had over 20 families who took part during the day when the photographer came to school and there were some lovely photos as a result. The photos were displayed at the contemporary gallery over the holiday and all of the families involved received their own copies of the photos. Thank you to everyone who got involved.

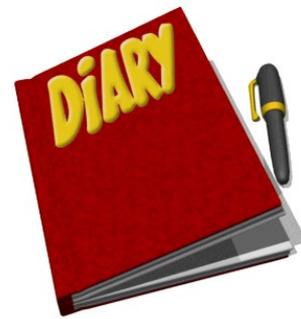


### The Nottingham Big Tent Exhibition

Over 80 panels created by Nottingham Schools including Nottingham Nursery, were made to celebrate the diversity of our City. These will be exhibited from Monday June 19th (pm) -



Wednesday 21st (tea-time), in the Old Market Square. Everyone is welcome to pop along to see it – it should be pretty spectacular. There will also be a virtual version of the 'Big Tent' featuring the art work for all participating schools and available to view on the City Council website.



### Celebration Days coming up

Please let a member of staff know if you would like to help out with these two events.

- Eid celebration in school 30<sup>th</sup> June
- Caribbean Day 14<sup>th</sup> July

### Leavers' Concerts

Our leavers' concerts will be held on:

- Thurs 20<sup>th</sup> July at 2-3pm
- Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July at 9.30-10.30

Entry will be with tickets only and these will be made available nearer the time.

### Dates for your Diary

Last day before summer Tues 25<sup>th</sup> July '17  
First day back after summer Mon 4<sup>th</sup> Sept '17  
INSET days this year 26<sup>th</sup> July '17  
INSET days next year 31<sup>st</sup> August '17  
1<sup>st</sup> September '17  
8<sup>th</sup> January '18  
29<sup>th</sup> March '18  
26<sup>th</sup> July '18