



# Nottingham Nursery School Newsletter

October / November 2016

## Learning Outside the Classroom – Gold Award



LOtC Mark (Gold)

Our School has just been awarded the prestigious 'Learning Outside the Classroom' Mark - Gold Award, in recognition of the outdoor and off-site opportunities which we offer our children (aged 2-4) and the work we do in terms of promoting learning outside of the classroom with other professionals. We are extremely pleased about this as it offers us recognition of something which is an absolutely integral part of our provision and which research shows is vital to children's development, well-being and learning.

We are now one of only 20 schools in the UK to have this award and 1 of only 2 nursery schools! Well done to all the staff for the work involved in achieving this award.

## Harvest Festival



Many thanks to all parents who have kindly donated food items. They will all be taken to a local Food Bank to help people in need within the community.

## Tap dance classes

Full-time children (Elephants, Rainbows and Kangaroos) have been invited to take part in Mrs Greenwood's after school tap dance classes. They start on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> November at 3-3.30pm and will run for 6 weeks. Please see Reception to book a place for your child as places are limited!



## Diwali celebration

On Friday 4<sup>th</sup> November we will be celebrating the Hindu festival Diwali. We will be learning about the festival, there will be food for the children to try, dancing and lots of fun!



## School Dinners

Please ensure all school dinners and childcare are paid for in advance. Any meals that have been missed during the week will be taken off the following weeks' charge. Reception will ask for payments if they are late – meals will be stopped if payments are not made for two weeks or more.

## Children in Need Day



On Friday 18<sup>th</sup> November, we will be raising money for Children in Need Day. Please dress your child in spots or fancy dress. Donations for this good cause would be much appreciated.

## Middle East Day

We will be celebrating Middle East Day in school on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> November. The children will have the chance to get involved in lots of activities including dressing up, dancing, food tasting and finding out lots of facts about countries in the Middle East such as Saudi Arabia, Pakistan, India and Iran.



## Social Media profile



Mrs Johnson in the Lions group will be updating the School Facebook page and Twitter feeds regularly.

Don't forget to like us and retweet our posts! Search for us on Facebook "Nottingham Nursery School & Training Centre" and find us on Twitter @NottmNursery.

The School website will also have regular news updates and photos – [www.nottinghamnurseryschool.co.uk](http://www.nottinghamnurseryschool.co.uk)

## Children absences

If your child is not in School for any reason, please remember to call or text us to let us know on the first day of absence. This is so that we can safeguard children and record absences correctly. School office is 0115 9159090 and the mobile number is 07527 625579. Holidays from school will need to be authorised in advance – please let Reception know if your child will be going away.



## Family SEAL Course

On Monday 14<sup>th</sup> November a new Family SEAL course for parents and their children will start in School. SEAL stands for Social and Emotional Aspects of Learning, and helps parents work with their children on important life skills, such as dealing with emotions, managing feelings, making and keeping friends and self-confidence. If your child is full-time and you would be interested in booking a place for this 8 week free course, please see Reception.



## Beasty Baby school trip

The Rainbows group will be visiting the Lakeside Arts Centre on 15<sup>th</sup> December to see a play called Beasty Baby. The deadline to book your child's place for this exciting event is Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> November. This should be a magical experience!



## Reminder...

Please use the footpath into School and don't walk through the car park. Vehicles are moving in the car park throughout the day and cars have blind spots, which would make it difficult to see small children. Also, please be mindful when you park near school and do not block our neighbours' driveways. Thank you for your consideration.

## Forest Garden

Starting Friday 4<sup>th</sup> November, the Panda and Lion groups will be visiting the Forest Garden every week. Please can we have some parents to help change the children into the waterproofs.

## Dates for your diary...

Friday 14<sup>th</sup> October – Half Term holiday starts

Monday 31<sup>st</sup> October - School reopens

Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> November – Tap dancing classes start

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