



Renfrew Street Nursery School

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November 2023



Dates for your diary:

The nursery **Halloween Party** will take place on **Tuesday 31st October**. Children can dress up on that day if they wish.

Our party to celebrate **Diwali** will be on **Monday 13th November**.

Online learning journals:

This year we are planning to use an app called Learning Journals to record our photographs and observations of your child's learning. This is similar to Seesaw, which we used in the past. It provides a good platform to communicate with parents too. You can 'like' posts and add comments. It's also a great way to share home learning activities. Once you have completed a consent form, we will send you an email link so that you can access your child's Learning Journal. If you have any questions or issues with Learning Journals, please ask to speak to Audrey or Sharon.

Door buzzer:

When you arrive at nursery can you please help us by pressing the buzzer with the label at the front door. There is also a door bell on the inner door, but this does not work well and we don't hear it inside the nursery. Thank you for your help with this.

When you arrive at nursery, we ask that you do not allow parent to enter the nursery behind you, or as you are leaving. This helps with our security, as we need to know which adults are in the building. Thank you for your support with this as it keeps everyone safe.

Welcome back:

Welcome back to Samantha, who has now returned from maternity leave. She will be working with the red group on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays.

Toy Fund:

We ask parents to pay £4 per week (or £1 per day) contribution to our nursery Toy Fund. This goes towards nursery trips, additional activities and resources, additional snacks, treats and parties and the nursery graduation. Last year this funded home learning resources, gifts for birthdays and other celebrations, the 'Book of the Month', and many other resources. It also pays for the weekly visit from George at Enjoy-a-ball. Sharon will give you an envelope with your child's name and amount, and we ask you to put cash in the envelope and return it to us. We will ask you to sign our record book once you have paid. You can pay for just one week, or for several weeks together. If you have any questions about our Toy Fund, please ask to speak to Audrey or Sharon. Thank you for continuing to support us in this way.

Lending library:

We have a Lending Library so that the children will be able to borrow books to share with you at home. We value books and reading, and it helps to develop the children's early language and literacy skills. The Lending Library is in the Parents' Room. The nursery staff will introduce the idea and the rules to the children, and once it is established you will be able to help your child choose books to borrow. We will let you know when we are ready to open the Lending Library.

Enjoy-a-ball:

Enjoy-a-ball sessions have started up again. The sessions take place on a Wednesday morning. The sessions are led by George, and the children have lots of fun doing physical activity and learning ball skills. This costs £35 for each session and is paid for from the nursery Toy Fund.