

SOUTHBOROUGH PRE-SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

We would like to thank you for the many christmas cards and presents you gave to the staff, we really appreciate your generosity and it is nice when parents and carers write such kind words about their children's experience at pre-school and about how happy they are with the service we provide.

Last term was a very busy one, we are proud to say that all the new children that started in September 2015 are now settled and all the children are becoming more confident in the pre-school environment. A highlight of the Autumn Term was celebrating Diwali, the Hindu Festival of Lights. One of our families brought in some special Diwali sweets for snack time and nearly all the children tasted them! We held our first Parents Evening in November which we felt was very successful, we had some positive feedback from those that attended. We are going to arrange another one in the Summer Term.

DONATING A BOOK FOR CHRISTMAS

We had a great response from you for making a book donation to give to a local charity or organisation who support a variety of families in Bromley. We collected 48 books which the children wrapped and put labels on and Melek took them to Bromley Children Project who will give the books to young children whose families they are supporting. Jane organised this activity and spoke to the children about the importance of giving at christmas time and thinking about others. Some of the older children did understand this concept and seemed proud to be doing this especially when they talked about it at register time.

EARLY YEARS FOUNDATION STAGE - this term we are focusing on Personal, Social and Emotional Development specifically on self-confidence and self-awareness. We will be planning activities which promote sharing and taking turns, learning about rules, managing feelings and respecting each other.

A copy of our activities can be found on the planning board in the main classroom as well as on the A board which is put out by the pre-school gate every day. We also plan our curriculum according to the children's interests so please share with us anything that your children likes to do at home so that we can build on their interest at pre-school.

FOREST SCHOOL - forest school will start up again after half term, Melek will let you know if it is your child's turn to go. Please look at the photograph display in the main entrance so that you can see what fun we have there!

WOW CERTIFICATES - We continue to award the children with a Wow Certificate if they have been successful or made a significant achievement and

we are asking parents/carers to do the same. The certificates are on the Wow display board.

HEALTHY EATING

We continue to promote healthy eating at snack time, offering a variety of fruit and vegetables as well as milk and water. We ask parents/carers to make a voluntary contribution of £5 per term towards this. An envelope for your voluntary contribution will be sent home with your child. Thank you to all those families who contributed last term.

PACKED LUNCH CLUB

- Please remember to put your child's packed lunch box on the trolley at the start of the session.
- We have a **NO NUT POLICY AT THE PRE-SCHOOL** because of children who have nut allergies. So please do not put peanut butter or chocolate spread containing nuts in your child's sandwich.
- please do not put chocolate in your child's packed lunch box.

NOTICES

Please label your child's COAT and BAG, not all the children recognise their own coat and bag so it can be very difficult to match the right belongings to the right child!

PLEASE DO NOT USE MOBILE PHONES ON THE PRE-SCHOOL SITE OR IN THE PRE-SCHOOL.

LATE COMERS AND DEPARTURES - please remember that it is important to bring your child into pre-school on time for register at the beginning of the session and pick them up on time at the end of the session. It causes disruption to both the children and the staff if you are late, so please inform staff in advance if you know you are going to be late for a valid reason.

Please do not drive or bring your car onto the school site.

PAPER APPEAL - we are asking parents/carers if they can donate paper to the pre-school or if they have access to paper which isn't needed ; for example if you work in an office or the print industry.

Thank you for your continuous support.

Kathy, Melek, Katie, Leah, Jane, Marion, Sarah and Hannah.