

# Happy Nursery Days

## March 2024 Newsletter



### Greetings To New Parents/Carers

Happy Nursery Days would like to use this opportunity to welcome Jahl in Pre-School, Komal in Cheeky Ducklings, Sami & Khazariah in Baby Room.

### Celebrations

#### World Book Day

On Wednesday 6th March we are inviting parents/carers to come in to read to the children in your child's room; if you are able to, please let Alma or the staff in the room know.

#### Mothers Day

To celebrate Mother's Day, different activities will be taking place in each room (so mums be on the lookout for a special surprise!)

#### Easter

On Wednesday 13th March we will be having our annual easter celebration/ bonnet competition and we welcome parents donation of Easter Eggs for this competition.



### Last Months Theme

Last month all rooms topic was winter where the children took part in many different activities involving ice and winter animals, they learned new words related to the theme as well as learning how to dress in winter.

This month we will be preparing for Spring which will involve planting and other outdoor activities due to the gradual change of weather.



### Safeguarding

We continue to encourage all parents to inform the nursery of pre-existing injuries from home. Parents will be asked to complete an existing injury form. The nursery will also inform parents/carers of any accidents that occurs in the nursery and ask parents to sign the accident form.

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### Lateness

Lateness is still an issue. Nursery closes at 6pm. Please arrive at least 10mins early for feedback. We ask parents to make alternative arrangements if they are unable to collect their child. Persistent lateness will incur charges.

All parents/carers will be given a five-minute grace period on late collection of their child. If your child has still not been collected 5 minutes after the session has ended, (1.05 p.m. or 6.05 p.m.), then a £10.00 charge will be added and for every ten minutes thereafter.



### Sickness/Ilnesses

During these winter/spring months, to promote good health for children and staff we ask parents to keep children at home if they are unwell. If a child is unwell, it is in their best interest to be in their home environment rather than at nursery with their peers. Children with specific illnesses such as vomiting and diarrhoea must stay home until they have been clear for at least 48 hours after the last episode before returning to nursery to protect other children and staff in the nursery.



### Funding

From April, there will be funding available for working parents that has a child/ren who is 2 years old. From September, babies from the term after they turn 9 months will be able to receive 15 hours funding.

Forms from this april for 2 year old working parents are available in the office, or if you would like it to be emailed, be sure to contact Alma.

Please check your eligibility for free early learning (15hours funding) if your child has turned 2 on the Lambeth website. Parents should register/reconfirm their eligibility by 31 December for the 30hours.

To apply if you are a new 3&4 year old parent:  
<https://www.gov.uk/help-with-childcare-costs/free-childcare-and-education-for-2-to-4-year-olds>  
To reconfirm if you are an existing:  
[https://www.gov.uk/sign-in-childcare-account?step-by-step-nav=f517cd57-3c18-4bb9-aa8b-1b907e279bf](https://www.gov.uk/sign-in-childcare-account?step-by-step-nav=f517cd57-3c18-4bb9-aa8b-1b907e279bf-by-step-nav=f517cd57-3c18-4bb9-aa8b-1b907e279bf)

Please keep the code that you receive safe, as it will be required to complete the Parent declaration form for Lambeth, which is mandatory if your child is receiving funding. As funding does not cover meal costs, other consumables or any additional activities, please note that there will be an additional charge of £4.00 per day for meals for all funded children on the funded days.

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### Nursery Fees

As you are all aware from the previous newsletter, nursery fees will be going up by 5% from the 1st April 2024. You will soon receive a letter with the updated fee table.

We would like to remind parents/carers that nursery fees are to be paid in advance. If you pay monthly, payments are to be made at the beginning of the month and if you pay weekly payment it must be paid by the beginning of the week via BACS.

### Help Paying For Childcare

Parents may be able to use one of the following schemes to reduce childcare cost.

Tax Free Childcare gets up £2000 per child

Universal Credit can claim up to 85% of costs

Tax Credits can claim up to 70% of cost for working families.

To see if you are eligible for other offers please check: [childcarechoice.gov.uk](https://childcarechoice.gov.uk)

### Family

Family App enables parents to stay informed with events at the nursery throughout the day and engage with you on your child's Learning Journal.

We encourage parents/carers to share any significant milestones/pictures of children's interest at home to help the key person plan and extend your child's learning. In the unlikely event of loss of internet access, feedback will be done verbally.

### Important Dates

**Parents/Carers Meetings**  
From Monday 8th April

**Easter Bonnet Competition**  
Wednesday 13th March

**End Of Term (For Term Time Children)**  
Thursday 28th March

**Easter Closure  
(Good Friday & Easter Monday)**  
Friday 29th March  
Monday 1st April

**Nursery Closure  
(staff training)**  
Friday 12th April

**Term Time Children Return**  
Monday 15th April

