

Friday 5th January 2024

Dear Parent/Carer

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WELCOME BACK – Acorn and Seedling Class

Welcome back to school for our Spring term. We wish all our families a very Happy New Year and we hope you enjoyed your Christmas celebrations and were able to spend time with your families. We are really looking forward to an exciting term ahead for both our nursery classes.

The team that work within each of these classes are as follows:

Seedlings Class: Miss Shravani, Miss Bella, Miss Lili, Miss Geniya

Acorn Class: Miss Petra, Miss Edita, Miss Elife, Miss Kimete

Topic for the Spring Term

Our topic this term will be ‘Houses and Homes’. This topic will support children within their Personal, Social and Emotional development, helping them to discuss their home life with their peers and teachers and celebrate similarities and differences. This topic is a fascinating way for children to explore the world around them, to understand more about structure and building materials and to think about the concept of home and what that means. It is not only human beings that need a home and through this topic we will also look at animals and their habitats. A home provides shelter from the elements and from outside dangers. Homes also reflect the place in which they are built. Why are igloos made of ice? Why are houses in flood prone areas built on stilts? Looking further afield we will learn more about the homes of others throughout the world.

There will be many exciting and interesting events throughout the Spring Term and we will keep you informed via our newsletters, our website and our social media. There will be educational trips this term too and we will advise you of dates and arrangements.

We will also continue with our out and about sessions (please see below for your child’s nominated day). These sessions are designed so that we take the learning outdoors, whatever the weather. Therefore, as the weather begins to change; please can you ensure that your child has appropriate clothing at school. Please ensure a pair of wellington boots are left at school (clearly labelled).

Timetable.

	<u>Acorn</u>	<u>Seedlings</u>
Monday		Out and About
Tuesday	Italian	Italian
Wednesday	PE/yoga	PE/Yoga



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Thursday		
Friday	Out and About Music	Music

Lunch

Please be reminded that nuts are not allowed to be brought into school as we have children with confirmed severe allergies.

Please also be reminded that we adhere to a grape free policy here at Walthamstow Montessori school as this can be a serious choking hazard.

Lunch boxes should all be clearly labelled.

REMINDERS:

Please ensure that all items of clothing and footwear including bags are clearly labelled with your child's name, especially lunch boxes. **Children should arrive each morning wearing their smock. Plimsolls will be kept at school for them to change into. Wellies must also be kept at school and all clothing MUST be clearly named.**

For children having a nap at school, they need a bedsheet, a blanket and a small pillow in a small tote-style bag (**no plastic bags as this is a suffocation hazard**) that would be kept at school for the week and collected on their last day for a wash. All items including the bag must be clearly labelled.

Please be reminded of your child's school day start/finish time unless they are attending after school club in which case your child needs to be collected by **5.45pm**.

	Start time	Collection time
Acorn Class:	9.30am (main door)	2:50 pm (main door)
Seedlings Class	9.30am (far nursery door)	2:50 pm (main door)

Please ensure that you are receiving weekly newsletters, if you are not receiving it, please let the office know. Our weekly newsletter can also be found on the school's website and front of school notice boards along with Term Dates. We use Teachers2Parents to send SMS notifications to parents.

Please do not send your child to school if they have been unwell in any way, especially if you have had to medicate them (e.g., give them Calpol/Paracetamol) before they arrive, as once the medicine has worn off, the discomfort of your child being ill will return. **Please also**



be reminded that children must be kept off for 48 hours after any episode of diarrhoea or vomiting.

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Once again welcome back and as always do not hesitate to ask for an appointment if you have any matters you wish to discuss.

Yours sincerely

Miss Petra and the Nursery team

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