

Tuesday 3rd September 2024

Dear Parent/Carer

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WELCOME - OAK CLASS

A very warm welcome back to Oak class for our Autumn term. We hope you had a wonderful summer break with your families and enjoyed the beautiful weather. We are looking forward to an exciting term ahead with lots of lovely activities planned around our new topic.

Topic for the Autumn Term

Our topic this term will be 'Space'. For most children, space is an exciting and fascinating topic that can spark ideas of adventure and mystery. Learning about space can also help children understand the importance of caring for the planet. We believe that this topic will not only be an enjoyable experience for your child but will also spark a lifelong interest in science and discovery, nurturing a natural curiosity about our planet and the solar system. We are looking forward to seeing where this cosmic journey will take us! If you have any questions or would like to learn more about our space activities, please don't hesitate to reach out.

For this term I would also like to introduce 'show and tell.' This involves your child bringing in a favourite toy, book, photo, something they have made or a picture they have drawn and would like to share with the class. Language is a continuing focus in class, and this is a great way for your child to gain confidence talking in a small groups and explaining their choice of item to bring in and share with the class. This will take place on a **Wednesday only**. We ask that children do not bring any personal toys into school on any other day for play as it causes your child a lot of upset when 'borrowed' or lots.

Our 'out and about' session continues to be on a **Thursday**. 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 comes to school with a waterproof jacket and wellington boots which can be left at school.

Festivals:

If you are celebrating any religious or cultural festivals at home and would like to share this with the class, please speak to Miss Jessica so we can recognise these and celebrate at school too with parent involvement.

Italian lesson will be on a Tuesday morning with Miss Kadire.

Timetable



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Telephone 020 8523 2968 Fax 020 8523 2968 Email e17montessori@aol.com www.walthamstowmontessori.com Monday: PE Tuesday: Italian

Wednesday: Show and tell.

Thursday: 'Out & About' - Forest Schooling.

Friday: Art / Music

Lunch

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

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

REMINDERS:

Please can you ensure that all items of clothing and footwear including bags are clearly labelled with your child's name, especially lunch boxes. Please ensure all children have smocks and plimsolls and that these are worn every day.

Please be reminded that the school day starts at **9.15am** at the main school nursery door. Collection time is **3.00pm** again at the main school 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 notice board, website. Here you can find the school Term Dates too.

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. Children should not return to school for 48 hours after having diarrhoea or vomiting.

Once again welcome back and as always do not hesitate to ask for an appointment if you have any matters you wish to discuss. Thank you for your continued support in making learning an exciting adventure for your child.

Kind regards

Miss Hatti

Oak Class Teacher