



Newsletter

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Monthly Updates

Firstly, a very happy new year to you all!

December was a very busy month for all of us at the arc. We made salt dough



tree decorations, baubles, snowflakes and so much more. We also enjoyed baking festive treats such as ginger bread people and cinnamon swirls. We also wrote letters to santa to

let him know what we wanted for Christmas and he wrote back to us!

The highlight of December for all of the children was the yummy Christmas lunch. We had a delicious roast dinner with all the

trimmings and trifle for pudding too! The children in both the

sunshine room and rainbow room made Christmas cards to send

home, there was lots of glitter involved! Some of the older children even helped to send them off at the post office!

The sunshine room took a visit to the Christmas market by tower bridge and soaked in the festivities and enjoyed all of the things to see. Some of the

children also had a visit to the tate to a special exhibition for children—lots of foam blocks to build with and knock down again they had a brilliant time and



we will definitely be going back!



Staff News!

We are pleased to announce that we will be welcoming Cathy back to the nursery from next week!

And A very fond farewell to Vicky who will be leaving us this month. Thank you for your hard work at the arc and the best of luck in your new career!

Creams

If your child requires special creams such as sudocrem, please ensure that you supply it to the nursery with their name on.

Unfortunately the nursery does not supply creams for children.

The staff in the room will let you know when it is running out for you to replenish.

Thank you!

The Themes for Next Month

Sunshine Rooms Theme

The Hungry Caterpillar

Rainbow Rooms Theme

The Gruffalo and Going on a Bear Hunt

Best Practice at the Arc!

This month's best practice update comes from Emily and Scott who attended a training delivered by Southwark council regarding the Free early years education (15 hours free)

They discussed the benefit of the free entitlement for the three and four year olds as well as the importance of outdoor spaces. They were able to bring back what they had learned and share it with the team on inset day.

Inset day was a great opportunity to catch up with the whole team. We did some training on Schema's and child development as well as having the opportunity for everyone who has been on training in the last few months to feed back what they have learned.

It was a very successful day!

Lost Property

There are a few items of lost property on the spare pegs both upstairs and down. If any of these clothes are yours, please take them home.

Please remember to put a name in all items!

Thank you

Contact Details

Please let us know if you have changed address or have a new contact number. Please also remember to update your emergency contact numbers with us (grandparents etc.)

Buggies

A Big thank you to everyone for adhering to the buggy policy. With lots of younger children joining the nursery in the coming months, we ask that you continue to only bring in umbrella folding buggies and only store them at the nursery if your child is under 3.

Thanks!

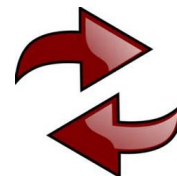
Swap Day Reminder

Each child has three swap days per year (1st April—31st March)

These can be used in lieu of sickness or absence from the nursery - bank holidays do not count towards absent days.

Any unused days are not rolled over to the following year.

To book a swap day, please contact Emily at reception and she will check the availability for you.



Inset Days for 2016/2017

On the following days the nursery will be **CLOSED** for staff training

18th April 2017

14th July 2017

27th December 2017

As well as the usual bank holidays over the year.



IMPORTANT SAFETY RULES:

Please Read

Please take note of the following rules which are for the safety and wellbeing of all children in the nursery.

- Please do not allow your child to press the exit button for the front door, and **please ensure you close all doors and do not prop doors open for those behind you** - these are important safety issues.
- Please ensure you **close the gate** at the top of the stairs to the Sunshine room properly - shake it to check it has latched.
- Please do not allow your children to run in the corridor.
- Please leave your own toys at home, to avoid them getting lost or broken.



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