



## Newsletter – January 2017

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back! It is the start of a new year and we wish all our families the best for the year ahead. Key workers will be evaluating children's developmental targets which will be shared with parents within the next few weeks.

### Staffing Update

I am happy to announce that a new member of staff called Yeter has joined the nursery!

Yeter and I have worked together for many years as part of my team teaching in a Lewisham school called Torridon Infants. She is a qualified teacher with a vast amount of experience in early years and key stage 1.

Yeter will be leading our main room, focussing on the super star pre-schoolers. As well as this, she will act as my deputy leading the nursery in my absence.

I am delighted that she has joined us and I know the children will gain much from her knowledge, experience and care. I am sure that you will all welcome her with open arms.

### Healthy Choices

After meeting with our Early Years Advisor, we have decided to remove fruit juices from the setting. Even though the juices we offered were 1 part juice and 2 parts water, this decision has been made as we cannot ascertain how much sugar children are having at home. Children will now only be offered water and milk throughout the day.



### Policy Updates

Some nursery policies have been updated. These include the following:

- Non attendance Policy
- Disposal of nappies and clinical waste Policy
- Physical Intervention Policy
- Emergency Closure Policy
- Lost Child Policy

Policies are available online; however, these can also be sent to parents via e-mail if requested.

### Questionnaires

Please take the time to complete a questionnaire which will be given out at the start of next week. This will enable us to improve the service we provide. We will also be asking the children to give us feedback throughout the month in a more discrete indirect manner.

We appreciate the time taken to complete the questionnaire and thank you in advance for your feedback. Thank you to those of you who have given feedback online on our Facebook and Google pages.

### WOW Stars

It is so important to work in partnership with parents and so, we ask that you contribute to your children's profiles. This is simple and easy to do. We will be issuing WOW Stars to all parents along with updated targets for your children.

If you see your child doing one of their targets, simply write it down on the Wow star. We will then celebrate the achievement at nursery and stick your comment into your child's profile.

Say for example, your child is learning different colours and matching the name to the correct colour, and they see a bus and say "red" – you would simply write 'Isla saw a bus and said "red"'.

If they are toilet training and they use the toilet without wetting themselves, you would simply write 'Isla used the toilet without wetting herself'.

It would be helpful if you dated the stars so that we know when the progress has been made.