



# Newsletter

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## Message from the Head Teacher

I am incredibly proud with how well our children have settled into nursery life and have adjusted to their new environment and routines. After such a challenging few years with Covid-19 and various lockdowns, it is wonderful to be now planning ahead our school trips and opening our doors to all our special visitors. We are really looking forward to meeting you at some of our school events.

We have planned lots of exciting activities for the children this term, so please make a note of forthcoming events listed at the end of this newsletter.

## School Admissions 2024

Please remember to apply for your child's place in Reception class if your child will be turning 4 before 31st August 2024. The deadline is 15th January 2024. If you need any help with your application, please speak to a member of staff in the office.

For more information please visit:

[www.birmingham.gov.uk/schooladmissions](http://www.birmingham.gov.uk/schooladmissions)

## School Closure

Sometimes schools must close because of events beyond our control, such as extreme weather conditions. In such circumstances we will communicate closures to parents via text message and on our School Website:

[www.marshiln.bham.sch.uk](http://www.marshiln.bham.sch.uk)

For city wide school closures, please listen to your local radio station or visit the Birmingham City Council website.

## Animal Roadshow

The Animal Roadshow will be visiting the nursery on **Tuesday 28th November** and bringing in a variety of animals, such as snakes, creepy-crawlies and, hopefully, a beautiful owl for the children to handle and learn about. The total cost of this event will be met from school budget.

## School Uniform

We are extremely proud of our school and our school uniform. If parents wish to purchase any uniform please speak to Mrs Sehra in the office.

It is important that all children's clothes and uniform are clearly named especially at this time of the year when children need to be wrapped up warm with hats, scarves and mittens for outside play.

## Playhouse Drama Workshops

This term we are welcoming "The Play House" into the nursery to work with the children. The Play House is a participatory theatre-in-education programme, for Nursery aged children, from Language Alive! The children in Butterfly and Ladybird Classes will have the opportunity to work collaboratively with one another and the artists in a multi-sensory environment. The cost of these workshops will be met from school budget.

## Christmas Plays

We are delighted to welcome all parents /carers into Nursery for our Nativity Plays on:

**Tuesday 12th December** — Butterflies

**Wednesday 13th December** — Ladybirds

More information with times to follow.

## Children in Need - Friday 17th November

Children may come to school in non-uniform, maybe bright or spotty clothes or even their favourite dressing-up outfit but please don't buy anything special. Donations can be made directly to the charity or at local banks.

## Contact Details

Please ensure your emergency contact details are kept updated. If you have changed your home, work or mobile numbers please inform the school office as soon as possible.

## School Fund

At the beginning of each school term we ask parents for donations to school fund which is used to buy the children's fruit, support our school trips and visitors to the school as well as additional resources.

### Special Educational Needs

If your child has had medical, paediatric or speech and language appointments, please share the information with our SENDCo Mrs Taylor-Hawkins or your child's class teacher.

Links to useful webinars to help in understanding the Early Help offer and Occupational Therapy can be found at: [www.localofferbirmingham.co.uk](http://www.localofferbirmingham.co.uk)

### Speech and Language Therapy

Are you concerned about your child's speech and language? Please speak to your child's class teacher and we can do a referral to our Speech and Language Therapist, Courteney Gazey who attends nursery fortnightly on Wednesdays and the community NHS Speech & Language Team.

The children break up for half term this week. We look forward to welcoming pupils back on Tuesday 7th November. I hope you have a relaxing and enjoyable break.

If you have any queries regarding any of the above, please do not hesitate in contacting a member of the nursery team

Yours sincerely,

*Helen Masaun*

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Head Teacher

### Calendar Dates

Monday 6th November 2023	Staff Training Day—Nursery Closed
Tuesday 7th November 2023	Nursery re-opens for Autumn 2
Wednesday 15th November 2023	Compulsory Medical Needs Training—Nursery Closed
Friday 17th November 2023	BBC Children In Need 2023
Wednesday 22nd November 2023	Playhouse Drama Workshops—It's My Planet Too!
Thursday 23rd November 2023	Playhouse Drama Workshops—It's My Planet Too!
Wednesday 28th November 2023	Animal Roadshow
Wednesday 13th December 2023	Nativity Plays—Ladybirds Class
Thursday 14th December 2023	Booster Cushion Theatre — 'Goldilocks and the Three Bears'
Friday 15th December 2023	Nativity Plays—Butterflies Class
Monday 18th December 2023	Father Christmas
Tuesday 19th December 2023	"Crackers Christmas Magic Show" & Christmas Party Day
Friday 22nd December 2023	Last Day in School

### Christmas Holiday

Monday 25th December 2023 - Monday 8th January 2024