

Smartstarts Newsletter



MARCH 2025

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY 2025

- 27th Mar - INSET DAY - NURSERY CLOSED
- **Friday 28th March - Last day for funding**
- No Funding from 31st Mar - 21st April 2025
- **Funded children are back on Tuesday 22nd April 2025 - NEW SUMMER TERM STARTS**

CELEBRATIONS

- 1st Mar - St David's Day
- **Tues 4th Mar - Shrove Tues**
- Thurs 6th Mar - World Book Day
- **Fri - 14th Mar - Holi**
- Mon -17th Mar - St Patrick's Day
- **Fri 21st Mar - Red Nose Day**
- Sun 30th Mar - Mother's Day
- **Sun 30th Mar - Eid al-Fitr**
- Sun 30th Mar - Clocks go forward 1hr

Topics for March

SPRING

- Life cycles
- Baby Animals
- Minibeasts



STAFFING NEWS

We would like to welcome Aaliyah to our Nursery. Aaliyah is an apprentice and will be based in our Preschool Room.

EYLOG PARENT APP

As you are aware the parent app has changed and you are now able to send messages to the management team, somewhat like whatsapp. Please tick – 'management', so that all the staff in the office, can see the message, and anyone of us can reply back.

TOYS

If your child brings in a toy from home, please put in their bags, once they get to Nursery. If they take their toy into the classroom and it gets lost or broken, we will NOT be responsible.

RECEPTION PLACE

For parents whose children will be starting reception in September 2025 – You will be receiving your child's school name by 16th April 2025. Once you know the school your child will be attending, please let the office know.

30 Hours funding

Please ensure that you renew your 30 hours eligibility code. Parents will receive an e-mail if you need to renew the code. We do not want you to miss out!

Please also apply for your 30 hours funding codes now if your child has turned 9mths - 3 years old. If you apply now you will only be eligible from April 2025.

If your child is turning 9mths to 2yrs this term (Jan - Mar 2025), you may be eligible for 15hrs from APR 2025.

If your child is turning 3yrs this term (Jan-Mar 2025), you may be eligible for 30hrs from APR 2025.

Please go to children choices website, to see if you are eligible for the above funding.

PLEASE MAKE SURE YOUR CODE IS ISSUED BEFORE 31st MAR 2025

NEW FUNDING TERM DATES

Attached are the new funding dates provided by Newham Early Years starting from 22nd April 2025 to 27th March 2026. The dates highlighted in green are when Nursery is open for funding. We will be adhering to these dates. If you work in a school, and these do not align with the school dates, please let us know if you will need additional days. These will be charge at the daily rates. Please ask in the office if you are unsure.