



Mar/Apr 2024

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY 2024

- **22nd March** - last day of Funding
- **28th March** - **INSET DAY** -
nursery closed
- **29th March** - **Good Friday** -
Nursery closed
- **1st April** - **Easter Monday** -
Nursery Closed
- **2nd April** - Nursery Open as
usual
- **15th April** - Funding Resumes

CELEBRATIONS

- **7th March** - **World Book Day** -
child can dress in favourite
character
- **10th March** - **Mother's Day**
- **15th March** - **Red Nose Day**
- **17th March** - **St Patrick's Day**

RECEPTION PLACE

For parents whose children will be starting reception in September 2024 – You will be receiving your child's school name by 16th April 2024. Once you know the school your child will be attending, please let the office know.

STAFF NEWS

We wish Sonia (TR staff) all the best for the future, as she leaves for personal reasons.

In Sonia's place we would like to welcome Henna, who will be starting with us shortly.

Topics for term

- **Spring**
- **Growing – Life Cycles**
- **Baby Animals**



WORLD BOOK DAY

Thursday 7th March is World Book Day. From w/c 11th March, we would like to take your child / dren to Waterstones (Ilford) to get a book with their £1 book token. We will take them in small groups throughout the week and inform you the day before your child is due to go verbally. If you would like to go with them please let the office know. **Please see attached form for you to fill and return.**

EXTENDED CHILDCARE!!! 😊

If your child is turning 2 years old by 31st March 2024, you can apply for 15 hours free. There are two ways to receive this. Please click on the links below to see if you are eligible in either way. You will receive an Eligibility code for both types of funding and these must be issued to parents by 31 March 2024 in order for it to be valid for summer term funding (April 2024).

If your child is turning 3 years old by 31st March 2024, you can apply for 30 hours free - to see if you are eligible, please click on the 30hrs funded entitlement. The process is the same as for 2yr old funding. If you are not eligible you will still be able to get 15hrs free .

If parents have specific questions they can email to the mailbox on 30hourschildcare@newham.gov.uk or call Newham.

Here are the links to the updated webpages:

<https://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk>

[Newham Families Advice and Support | Free early education for two year olds](#)

Reminder to Parents:

Please can you ring (02084782700) or email smartstartsdaynursery@outlook.com us if your child will be coming to Nursery after 9.30am. If we do not hear from you, we will assume that your child is absent that day. **It is the parents' responsibility to contact and inform the Nursery.**

Packed lunch

We like to promote Healthy eating at Nursery, which is nutritious healthy meals, drinks and snacks. We have noticed some children have had too many sweets and unhealthy snacks in their packed lunch. If you require a healthy packed lunch menu, please see our parent's notice board.