



October - December

Newsletter 2019

Welcome

We hope you had an enjoyable half term break. All of our children have settled really well and have become familiarised with the staff and their new surroundings. It is not unusual after a week's break for them to return a little unsure and unsettled again. If a child was to become really distressed, we will always ring you and you are of course always welcome to call or text us to be reassured that your child is happy.

A big thank you to everyone who donated to our Harvest Festival food hamper. Janice and Clare from the church were extremely grateful for your kindness, and distributed the goods received amongst those in need at the Whitechapel Mission.

Children starting school in September 2020

Was your child born between 1st September 2015 and 31st August 2016?

Parents/Carers must apply for a placement online before 15th January 2020.

If you need any help, please speak to Sue or Teresa.

Remembrance Sunday

Playways will be attending a service on **Sunday 10th November**. If any children and their families would like to join us and help lay our wreath, please meet at Rainham Working Mans Club at **10.15am**. We will be joining in the walk up to the memorial where there will be a service to remember all of those affected by war to this day.

Children in Need

During the week of **11th - 15th November** we will be raising money for Children in Need.

The theme is Fancy dress and the children can come to school in their favourite dressing up outfit for a £1 donation.

Parent Meetings

From the week commencing **18th November** we will be having our parent meetings.

These meetings are to discuss how your child has settled in and the progress they have made so far.

Parents will be given a time slot on the day of their key persons meetings.

Christmas Bazaar

The church is holding their annual Christmas Bazaar on **Saturday 30th November - 10.30am to 1.30pm**.

Playways will have a stall where the children can come and make a 'Christingle' decoration.

There will be a fabulous Santa's Grotto, lots of stalls and entertainment from local schools and groups. Please come and support us!

School Photo's

The photographer will be visiting the setting on **Friday 8th November** to take individual photographs of your children, these make lovely Christmas presents for you and your families.

If your child **DOES NOT** attend on this day and you would like their photograph taken, please bring them and any siblings you would like photographed, into the setting for 10.30a.m.

Outside Play

We are very lucky at Playways to have such a large outside area for the children to play in and we do use it all the year round, therefore please ensure your children are dressed according to the weather.

Please also ensure their coats/hats/wellies etc. have their names written in them as trying to locate every child's outerwear when we want to go out to play is extremely time consuming.

If it is wet outside, **please send your child in with wellington/waterproof boots** for splashing in puddles and playing in mud. In our garden, we do have our mud kitchen, so don't be alarmed if your children come home quite mucky! Please do not send them to school in decent clothes that you do not want to get dirty or stained.

On that note, we have uniform order forms at the entrance to the setting and sending your child into school in Playways uniform will ensure their best clothes, stay best!!

Dates for your Diary

School Photos - Friday 8th November 2019

Remembrance Sunday - Sunday 10th November 2019

Children in Need - 11th - 15th November 2019

Church Christmas Bazaar - Saturday 30th November 2019

*[Playways Christmas Concert will be held on 19th December
and Playways Christmas Party will be on Friday 20th December
2019 - Details and times to follow]*

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