



October - December

Newsletter 2021

### 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.

### Facebook

We have a Facebook account which is a closed group exclusively for current parents and staff only.

If you wish to be added to this group, please send us a friend request at Playways Parents

### Children starting school in September 2022

Was your child born between 1<sup>st</sup> September 2017 and 31<sup>st</sup> August 2018?

Parents/Carers must apply for a placement online before 15<sup>th</sup> January 2022.

[www.havering.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.havering.gov.uk/admissions)

### Children in Need

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> November

We will be wearing our PJ's to support Children in need this year.

If your child does not attend this day they can wear their PJ's anytime this week.

Any donations would be welcome 😊

### Christmas Bazaar

On Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> November the church will be holding their annual Bazaar in the church hall between 11am and 1pm.

Please come along and give them some support.

Everyone welcome!

### School Photo's

The photographer will be visiting the setting on **Tuesday 9th 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.

### Planning in the moment

We have started to do a new way of planning and observation. One week during this term your child will be chosen to be a focus child. We will send a form home for you to fill in about your child and send back to preschool. Then the week after they have been a focus child your key person will call you to discuss what your child has been doing and any concerns you may have about their development

### Reminders

Please remember to:

- Ensure we have up to date emergency contact details
- Inform the preschool immediately if your child or anyone living in the household have any COVID-19 symptoms, such as high temperature or persistent cough or loss of taste or smell and get a PCR test taken.
- Send in adequate clothing for the day including spare clothes for any accidents or getting wet.
- Not bring in toys, teddies or blankets because of risk of contamination.

### 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!!