

# Clapton Park Children's Centre

## Newsletter Autumn 2018



### DECO Day – Messy Play!

This October children took part in DECO Day and the topic was Messy Play.

## Message from the Centre Lead and Head of Forest School

So it is almost the holiday season again and we have started practicing for our annual festive concert. Please be aware due to space we can only allow two parents/carers for each child at the concert. Siblings are fine as long as they are on adult's laps. I hope you have been enjoying singing at home.

In January we will be welcoming two new staff members, Gifty and Soukayna to continue to build the team. Gifty will be based in Pips and Soukayna will be in Evergreen Room. Virginia and Patricia will be leaving at the end of December. We would like to thank both for all their hard work. I will be on leave for a few weeks in January so please see Emelia or your Room Lead if you have any questions.

Enjoy the holidays!  
Thanks,  
Biddy

## Christmas Concert

We will be getting the children a plain white t-shirt so they can decorate it with fabric paints and pens for the Christmas concert. Please ensure that your little one comes in leggings/bottoms.

## Cultural Evening

A big thank you to all the staff, parents and children who came to the Cultural Evening on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> November and brought along food/drink. We had a fantastic evening watching the African drumming, dancing and the performance as well as tasting the delicious food brought in by everyone.

## DECO Day – Messy Play

DECO Day is a fantastic way for parents to get involved with their children in their group rooms. It is a time where parents can find out what activities and what learning takes place in the room. It gives parents an understanding of what their children's interests are. When we do DECO day, it is focused on an area of the curriculum and this October it was Messy Play. Thank you to those parents and staff

who made the day extra special. Our next one will be on the 6<sup>th</sup> of March and will be focused on Forest School.

## Late collection

We would like to remind parents that the latest pick up time is 5.45pm. There is a late collection charge of £5 per 5 minutes and this will be added to your account. If you are running late, please inform the centre.

## Extra Day Requests

Parents requesting extra days need to do so the day before as no on the day requests will be granted. Extra day requests need to be put in writing or be sent in an email to [claptonpark@learningtrust.co.uk](mailto:claptonpark@learningtrust.co.uk). If possible, the request needs to be followed up with a phone call if there is no response that day.

## 27 Months Integrated Reviews

If your child is reaching 27 months and you have received a letter from the health visitor, please inform the health visitor that your child attends Clapton Park Children's Centre and will have their integrated review at the centre. Parents will receive a letter and an ASQ from the centre to be completed before attending the review. If you have any questions regarding this, please feel free to speak to Neilum or Ossila.

## Dates for your Diary

21<sup>st</sup> December - End of Autumn Term (Beech Room Last Day)  
24<sup>th</sup> December– 4<sup>th</sup> January - (Beech Room Closed)  
24<sup>th</sup> – 31<sup>st</sup> December Closed - (Christmas Break)  
1<sup>st</sup> January – (Centre Closed) Bank Holiday  
2<sup>nd</sup> January – (Centre Closed) INSET DAY  
3<sup>rd</sup> January – Centre Re-Opens  
6<sup>th</sup> January – Beech Room Re-Opens

## Happy Holidays!

From all the staff at Clapton Park, we wish you a wonderful Christmas and Happy Holidays. We hope you enjoy the Christmas break!