



# East Prescott Road Nursery School

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Dear families,

Happy Friday everyone! We have had a fabulous week in school. It has been a time for festivals and celebrations! We celebrated Guy Fawkes Day with a dazzling firework display in our garden. Children learned about the traditions of bonfire night and thought about the different sounds that fireworks and rockets make. They created their own beautiful firework display art.

Later in the week, we celebrated Diwali - the Hindu festival of lights. We learned about the story of Rama and Sita through dance and movement and found out more about the traditions of this festival. Children created Rangoli and mehndi patterns and we had a special Diwali banquet.

On Monday next week, we will commemorate Poppy Day with a two minute silence at 11am in remembrance of those who gave their lives for our freedom.

As usual, here are a few reminders...

## Winter coats

It is a lot colder now. Please ensure your child has **a nice warm coat with a hood for school**. Our children wear school waterproofs outdoors, but on very cold days they will require the additional warmth of a winter coat.

**Hats, scarves, gloves and umbrellas not appropriate for school.** Hats, scarves and gloves go missing and also restrict a child's ability to play outdoors. Children are very active outdoors and staff will continually monitor the weather conditions to adjust outdoor learning sessions to meet the prevailing weather conditions.

## Attendance and Timekeeping:

As a maintained nursery school, we follow the safeguarding procedures and policies of Liverpool City Council. As such, any **unexplained absences may be followed up as a safeguarding concern**.

If your child is going to be late or absent from school for any reason, please telephone the school office on the first day. If your child is ill, please keep them at home and contact us to let us know the nature of their illness and a likely return date.

## Names on all belongings / lost property basket

Please ensure that all items of clothing are clearly labelled with your child's name. Staff will place any unnamed items into our **lost property basket** in the library area for safe-keeping.

## Parent Meetings

Meetings with your child's key person will take place on the **week beginning Monday 25<sup>th</sup> November and Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> December**. This will be an opportunity for you to find out how your child has settled into their new class and to ask any questions you may have. These meetings will be **telephone meetings** and you will be able to sign up for an appointment from Monday 18<sup>th</sup> November with your child's class teacher.

## Anti Bullying Week

Next week is anti-bullying week. As part of curriculum, we are continually teaching the children about how to resolve differences and supporting them to share and take turns. Next week, we will be raising children's awareness about bullying in a developmentally appropriate manner. Children will learn about '**STOP – Several Times on Purpose**' and we will also talk about our school's values of '**Friendship and Trust**'.



## Children in Need 2024

We are raising money for Children in Need on **Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November**. Children will be making spotty biscuits in class. We would be grateful for donations so that we can raise money to support this amazing cause. On the day, children can come to school wearing spotty clothes, socks or accessories.

## Parent Drop in/Coffee Morning

Our first parent drop-in session will take place on **Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November at 9:00am**. Come along and have a chat and a coffee with Miss Tinsley about helping your child to become more aware of their bodies and to the importance of looking after themselves. Further drop ins are planned later in the year with a different focus.

## NELI Nursery Rhyme

Next week, our rhyme will be "Baa Baa Black Sheep". Each day, children will focus on a Special Word to develop and extend their vocabulary. Our Special Words next week are:

- **sheep**
- **yes**
- **full**
- **boy**

## Top tip for finding own shoes

A top tip is to put stickers or some sort of mark inside both shoes that your child will recognise. Shoes should also be labelled with your child's name so that staff can match the correct shoes to your child.

## Little Owl's Lending Library

Books **go home on a Thursday** and are to be returned the **following Wednesday**, please.

## Jake and Tizzy Books

If your child brings home a Jake and Tizzy Book, this must be **returned on a Wednesday**.

## Invoices

Just a reminder that your '30 hour code' does not cover the cost of breakfast club, lunch club and after school club. Please check your invoice to make sure your payments are up to date. The amount still owing will be **highlighted in yellow** on your invoice. Many thanks.

## Snack Fund

It's that time again, folks! Snack Fund is due for this half term, **payable by cash**. The charge is **£12.00 per half term**. Please pass your child's payment for this half-term to a member of staff in your child's class team as soon as possible.

## Home Learning

Create a spectacular space rocket at home this weekend! Use junk modelling and materials from around the home to create a model of a rocket, spaceship, flying saucer or satellite. Bring your amazing models into school next week as we start to learn about the stars, space and aliens!

Have a lovely weekend.

With my very best wishes,

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