

Welcome Back to the Second Half of Autumn Term

We had a very busy first half-term, welcoming lots of new families. This half-term I, Kim, will be in school all day on Monday, all day on Wednesday and Friday afternoons. Julie-ann, Sam-Sam and the rest of the team will be here if you need any support or advice on a daily basis, but if you need to speak to me on the days that I'm not here you can call me at Alice Model Nursery. Their number is: 020 7790 5425.

We also have a student in school for this half-term. Her name is Fahima and she is from UEL.

Thank You

We would like to say a big '**THANK YOU**' for supporting our charity events last half-term. We collected many, many bags of clothes and supplies for the disasters in Morocco and Libya and we raised £137.82 in our 'Name the Teddy for Lennox Children's Cancer'.



Harvest Food Banks

We are now collecting packets and tins of food, as well as toiletries, to give to local food banks. Please leave any donations in the box at the entrance. Thank you.



Wraparound Care

Breakfast and After School Clubs are open. Please book your slots with the office if you would like your child to stay.



Clothes

As the cold weather approaches, please make sure you label your child's coat, hat, gloves and scarf. Also, please ensure that your child's changing bag has a supply of clothes in case of toileting accidents or wet play.



Fruit

The school helps children to understand the importance of eating healthily. If children want a snack during the day we would like them to eat fruit or a healthy snack. If every child brings in one piece of fruit, rice cakes or bread sticks a week then we will have enough to share with everyone. Many thanks.



School Library

All children can choose a book to take home each week. Please buy a library bag from the school office. Our library days are:

Monday: Poppy

Tuesday: Sunflower

Thursday: Bluebell



Please enjoy reading together.

Ideas for Learning at Home

Every half-term we have a story theme. This half-term we are looking at books written by Julia Donaldson and illustrated by Axel Scheffler. Please take a look at the planning sheet on the Parent's Board which has ideas for learning activities across all areas of the curriculum linked to our theme.



Illness and Medicine

It's the time of year when there are lots of coughs, colds and bugs about! If your child is unwell and you have had to give them Calpol or other medication to reduce their temperature or help with a cough, please keep them at home until this is no longer necessary. Medication wears off during the day and children often become unwell again, needing to go home. We only give medication in school for long term, diagnosed conditions which require a care plan. If your child has had diarrhoea and/or vomiting, they need to stay home until **at least 48 hours from the last time they had an episode.**



Toddler Group:

Please join us on Thursday mornings for Stay and Play 9:30-11:30.



Dates for Your Diary

Fireworks

We will have a small display of fireworks for the children to enjoy on Friday 3rd November at 11:00. Please join us for biscuits and hot chocolate!



Children in Need

We will be celebrating Children in Need on Friday 17th November. Children can come to school dressed in their pyjamas and we will be collecting donations in The Quad.

Christmas Celebrations



- Christmas Jumper Day is on **Thursday 7th December**. Please dress your child in something Christmassy!
- We have a pantomime of Dick Whittington at 9:30 on **Friday 15th December**. Please join us.
- We will be singing Christmas Songs at 9:45 on **Monday 18th December**. Please stay and join in.
- Our Christmas Party is at 11:00 on **Tuesday 19th December**. Everyone welcome!

End of Term



- The last day for the children is **Tuesday 19th December**. Part-time children will leave after the party. Full-time children need to be collected by 1:00.
- Parent Conferences will be on **Wednesday 20th December**. Please make an appointment with your child's class team.

Please check our website regularly for information, guidance and advice.

Kim and all the team at Columbia Market wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. See you all back at school on Tuesday 9th January 2024.