

Welcome Back to the First Half of Summer Term 2024

Welcome back to all our returning families and welcome to the new families joining us this half-term. There is lots going on, so please save the 'Dates for Your Diary' and look out for any additional information on the Parent's Notice Board and Text Message Service. Can I please remind you that it is important to bring your child to school on time. If you are going to be late, please telephone to let us know.

Wraparound Care

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



Clothes

As the weather, hopefully, warms up please make sure that you apply sun-cream to your child before bringing them to school. If they are full-time, we will apply it again at lunchtime, unless you ask us not to. Please make sure you label your child's clothes and check our Lost Property Box in the Entrance if you are missing any. Also, please ensure that your child's changing bag has a supply of clothes in case of toileting accidents or wet play. We encourage the children to be independent when taking off and putting on their coats, so please try to encourage them at home too.



Snacks

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 **some fruit, rice cakes** or **bread sticks** each 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.

Maths Bags

Please choose a Maths Bag with your child on Wednesday mornings. They contain lots of ideas and activities for enjoying maths at home.



Stay and Play

Our Stay and Play is on a Thursday morning from 9:30-11:30. If you have a baby or toddler, or know anyone that has, please join us in Lavender Room on Thursday mornings.



Story Theme

Every half-term we have a story theme. This half-term we are looking at Growing and Looking After Living Things and the Environment. This links with Earth Day on the 22nd of April and the planting of plants and seeds that we are doing in the garden. We are also looking at life-cycles and will be having some eggs delivered on the 14th May. What do you think will hatch out of them? After half-term we will be looking after some caterpillars and watching them turn into beautiful Painted Lady butterflies. 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

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.**



Birthdays

We love to celebrate the children's birthdays in nursery. They wear the special birthday hat, we sing 'Happy Birthday' and they blow out candles on our special cake. If you would like to bring in something to share with their friends, please limit this to fruit or a healthy snack, (please see **snacks**), as we have children with various allergies and intolerances in school.



Toileting

If your child is still in the process of toilet training can you please put them in pull-ups instead of nappies so that they get used to pulling them down and up when we take them to the toilet. Also, please ensure that they wear clothes that are easy to pull down and up and no vests with press-studs underneath. It is important that they become independent in their toileting as soon as possible.



Dates for Your Diary

Wednesday 24th April: Eid Party at 11.00. Please join us if you can.

Monday 6th May: School will be closed for the Bank Holiday.

Friday 17th May: Trip to The LSO at The Barbican. We have space for ten children and ten adults. All children must be accompanied and the cost is £8.00 in total per adult/child plus adult fare to and from the venue. Details and a sign-up sheet will be in the office. Please see Carol or Kim for further information.

End of Term

Friday 24th May: School finishes for half-term. All children return to school on **Monday 3rd June.**

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

Kim and all of the Team at Columbia Market hope you have a lovely half-term break. We look forward to seeing you all on Monday the 3rd of June.