



January 2024 Parent Newsletter



Mrs Sally Appadu – Head Teacher’s Welcome

Happy New Year and welcome back to all our families! We have got some new children joining us next week. Last month we received a letter at school informing that the First Head Teacher at Lillian de Lissa, Jennifer Banbury has recently passed away and left the school £520.00 in her will. She was a head teacher at Lillian de Lissa between 1971 and 1982. With this money we are going to purchase some outdoor resources. We are also going to purchase a plaque to commemorate her important role as first head teacher here. Mrs Bowker and I are also going to write an article about her and publish it on our school website.

The weather is particularly very cold at the moment, so please ensure you remember woolly hats, gloves and warm coats. As we approach the end of next month, spring will be on its way.

This month, you will see that its Mrs Begum on the newsletter. She has worked at Lillian de Lissa Nursery School for 9 years and knows all our families really well.

Safeguarding and E Safety

If you have any concerns regarding children's welfare, please let us know. Safeguarding is of the utmost importance to us. All our policies can be found on our website, including our safeguarding and child protection policy.

<https://lilliandelissa.sch.life/>



Mrs Tazarot Begum

Mrs Begum has worked at Lillian de Lissa for 9 years! She leads on the 2 year old provision. Mrs Begum has got to know many families over the years and thoroughly enjoys working at Lillian de Lissa.

Important Dates

Maths Week Monday 29th January 2024- Friday 2nd February 2024

NSPCC Numbers day on Friday 2nd February 2024

Safer Internet Day on Tuesday 6th February 2024

School breaks up for February half term on Friday 9th February 2024

February half term- Monday 12th February- Friday 16th February 2024

Return to school on Monday 19th February 2024

Storyteller in on Wednesday 28th February 2024

Literacy Week Monday 4th March 2024- Friday 8th March 2024

World Book Day – Thursday 7th March 2024

School breaks up for Easter holidays on Thursday 21st March 2024

School Inset training day- Friday 22nd March 2024

Easter Holidays- Monday 25th March 2024- Friday 5th April 2024

Return to school on Monday 8th April 2024

School closed for Election voting day on Thursday 2nd May 2024

Break up for May half term on Friday 24th May 2024

May half term- Monday 27th May 2024- Friday 31st May 2024

Return to school on Monday 3rd June 2024

Break up for the summer holidays on Friday 26th July 2024

Poems

The children have been given the opportunity to write their own poems. Their poems will be published in a book "Young Writers." If you would like your child to take part with this activity you will need to sign a permission slip. This is a new and exciting project for our children at Lillian de Lissa Nursery School. If you want to know more or have any questions then please speak to Mrs Bowker.



Calling all Parents who are interested in Gardening

Back in 2021 we achieved our Health for Life award and we have been developing our community garden ever since. We would really like to work with some parents to support us with our gardening activities. We love teaching children where their food comes from! This year we are going to be entering a wheelbarrow competition at Gardeners World Live 2024. We will receive a free wheelbarrow and will be growing some food related plants in it. As part of taking part in the competition, we will receive 8 free tickets to Gardeners World Live on 13th- 16th June 2024. This is going to be an exciting and creative project for our children and families. We want you to get involved!

Daily Fees

Your early education needs are important to us; we aim to be as flexible as possible for all parents and carers. Our opening hours are 8.45am-4.00pm

Many families are entitled to a free place for their 2 and 3 year old children (15 hours)

There are also 30 hours available (subject to eligibility)

All places are subject to availability and entrance criteria

Our late collection charges are £15.00 per 10 minutes from 3:10pm

All fees are subject to change at any time

Meals cost £2.35 per day

After school club- 3.10pm-4.00pm £10.00. This must be booked a day in advance

Full day- 8.45am-3.00pm £36.00

Sessions- AM 9.00am-12.00 noon midday- £18.00

PM- 12.00 noon-3.00pm- £18.00

Early Help

If you need help with accessing food banks, benefits, housing, finances, counselling, parenting courses or English classes we can help. We can make an early help referral. There are many agencies that can help families at the moment in Birmingham. If you need to speak to a family support worker then phone Doddington Children's Centre on 0121 477 6440. A family support worker will phone you back on the same day between 12noon and 4.00pm

Allergies

Please do not send your child into school with drinks, sweets or other food. We have several children who are severely allergic to fish, pulses and eggs etc. Please note we are also a nut free school. Thank you



We understand that children are unwell sometimes but it is also important for us to promote good attendance at nursery.

The reasons for children to attend regularly at their early years setting are to support their learning and development and to make sure that children are kept safe. It is also important that their wellbeing is promoted and they do not miss out on their entitlements and opportunities.

Children who have achieved 85% or above for their attendance have been awarded a certificate at the start of this term. Well done children!