



December 2023 Parent Newsletter



Mrs Sally Appadu – Head Teacher’s Welcome

It was so lovely to see you at parents evening last week. The children have achieved so much and have made a great deal of progress this term.

The next few weeks are going to be very busy! The children have been working hard at practising our Nativity. We are looking forward to reading the story of Jesus Christmas Party to you. This will be next Tuesday (12.12.23) at 1.30pm for the start of the week children. This will be next Thursday (14.12.23) at 1:30pm for the end of the week children and full time children. It's going to be very exciting and we look forward to seeing you all together.

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/>

Internet safety (e-safety) is constantly in the news and is growing in relevance for us all. You may find these websites helpful in supporting your child when using the internet.

www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/online-safety

www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents

<https://www.o2.co.uk/help/online-safety>

Lorna Rose



We are really sad to say that this month our artist in residence will be leaving Lillian de Lissa Nursery School. She has offered a significant contribution to the school over the last twenty years. We have learnt so much from her about creativity, critical thinking, art and pedagogy. The children have loved spending time with her and she has developed their innovation and has sparked their imaginations. The children will really miss her too.

Important Dates

Christmas Nativity- Jesus' Christmas Party 12.12.23 at 1.30pm start of the week children

Christmas Nativity- Jesus' Christmas Party 14.12.23 at 1.30pm end of the week and full time children

Party Day- 20.12.23 with a visit from Father Christmas at 9.30am and 1.30pm

Hot chocolate and Christmas films- 22.12.23. There will be no after school club on this day and this is also the last day of term.

Christmas Holidays- Monday 25th December 2023- Friday 5th January

School Inset training day- Monday 8th January 2024. School will be closed on this date

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

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



Smiley Shen encourages us to keep our teeth clean and healthy.

Help your child/children to:

- Brush their teeth for two minutes, twice a day from (6 months of age or as soon as the first tooth erupts)
- Use horizontal brush strokes or circular movements around teeth and gums (vertical up & down movements can damage the gums)
- Use an age appropriate tooth brush and toothpaste
- Avoid rinsing with water after brushing, just spit out any excess toothpaste
- Visit the dentist regularly
- Make sensible choices around sugary foods and drinks
- Use age appropriate drinking vessels such as free flow beakers
- Talk about oral health and keeping their teeth healthy

Oral Health

Individual Photos by Tempest

Don't forget to order your photos. You should have received a link to order the photos online. Any queries please come and see Eileen in the office.

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 will be awarded a certificate at the end of the autumn term.