



November 2023 Parent Newsletter



Mrs Sally Appadu – Head Teacher's Welcome

We are enjoying welcoming back our children and families this week! At the end of last half term, the children visited the local area. They visited Bellevue medical centre and had a walk around the local area. We plan according to the children's interests at Lillian de Lissa and at the moment, children are interested in jungle animals. The children continue to be interested in our fish, so we are adding to our fish collection this week. Look out for the new additions in our fish tank!

Each month, I will be introducing a member of the team on this newsletter. This month its David Howard our finance officer.

This half term is going to be very busy as we have Tempest Photography in, parents evening, science week and celebrations relating to Christmas and Diwali. Please keep a note of these important dates.

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>

Staff member of the month



David Howard is the Finance officer for the Nursery. He has been member of the Lillian De Lissa Nursery team for 8 years.

David is responsible for all the finances at Nursery and oversees the application for free school meals or 30hr eligibility.

If you have any queries about your child's fees / dinner money, or need information about free school meals/ 30hr application, please come and speak to David.

Important Dates

Stories relating to Diwali w/c 6.11.23

Children in need activities- w/c 13.11.23. More details will follow.

Tempest photographer in school and will be taking individual photos- 29.11.23

Science Week w/c 27.11.23

Parents evening 27.11.23 3.00pm-4.30pm. Sign up for appointments nearer the time

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

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Party Day- 20.12.23 with a visit from Father Christmas

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



Oral Health



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



Free Vitamins

We are part of a Startwell project this year and as part of this we will be ordering free vitamins for every child. Look out for the posters in Reception. They will be available soon.

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

School fund £2 per week (full time children)

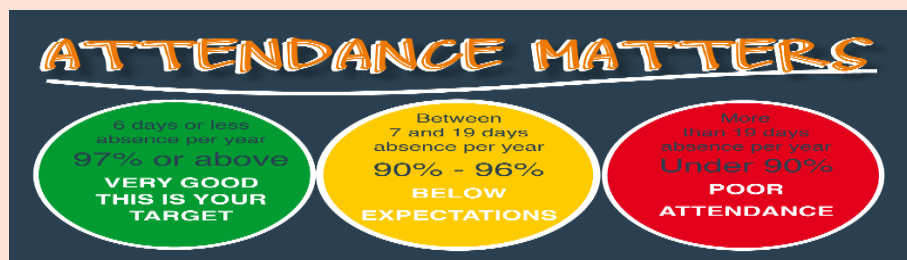
£1 per week (part time children)

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.