



West Heath
Nursery



Welcome back! We had a lovely start to the school year and have a busy half term on the run up to Christmas. We hope you are able to join us at some of the events we have planned, which are all explained in the newsletter.

Photographs

The Photographer will be in Nursery all day on:

Wednesday 14th November

All children will have an individual photograph taken unless you speak to their keyworker to tell them otherwise.

Sharing Books / Christmas Workshops

All Parents/Carers are invited to join us for the workshops. They will be held across 4 mornings from 9:00-10:00 on

Monday 3rd December

Tuesday 4th December

Thursday 6th December

Friday 7th December

Please sign up for the day of your choice on the lists outside the school office.

Children In Need

Tuesday 13th & Friday 16th November

We will be celebrating **Children In Need** by dressing in Pudsey Bear items/own clothes.

A suggested **donation** of £1 made on the day will be sent to **Children In Need**.

Christmas Jumper Day

All children are invited to wear their Christmas Jumper/T-shirt or dressing up outfit to school on our singing days, and give a voluntary donation to fundraising for our Nursery, on:

Tuesday 18th December

&

Thursday 20th December

Teacher Training Day

REMINDER

School will be closed for teacher training on

Friday 21st December

Christmas Singing

All Parents/Carers are invited to join us to listen to the children sing the songs we have learnt from the song booklet on either

Tuesday 18th December

or

Thursday 20th December

at 2:00 p.m.

We will be having a cake sale at the end of each singing session to raise money for resources for our children and would be grateful for any cake donations on the morning of the singing.



Party
Day

Wednesday 19th December

Juggling Jim
Party Food
Party Clothes



Sharing Books / Christmas Workshops

We know it can be very difficult for working parents to attend workshops, but if a family member or friend known to the child can attend they will be very welcome.

Every child will have a chance to join the library, make a Christmas decoration and bring a book home.



Important Dates

End of Term: Thursday 20th December 2018

Children will finish school at normal time

First Day of Spring Term: Monday 7th January 2019

Christmas Post box

Our Christmas post box will be ready for action on December 3rd. If your child would like to send cards to their friends please make sure they are clearly labelled with the child's name and key group. Class group lists will be available from your child's key person.



School Fund

The School Fund supports the cost of the toast which children have every day at Nursery, extra activities such as cooking, and during the festive period, the entertainer at the Christmas Party and a visit from Father Christmas.

Thank you to all those parents who have contributed to school fund.

We ask for a £5 contribution per half term to help with those 'extra' activities.

Donations should be placed in the green envelopes provided and posted in the red post box outside the school office.

Spare Clothes

Please make sure that your child has more than one spare set of clothes in the bag on their peg at all times. We have very few spare clothes in school and no pants or socks.

We would be grateful for any spare pants, socks, trousers and wellies if you are having a 'clear out' at home.

Safe Guarding

Please make sure you close all gates and doors behind you when entering/exiting the building.

For the safety of all children please **do not park on the zig-zag lines outside the school gates** or in front of the school gates.

This is a danger to other road users and to the children in Nursery.

Choosing your child's Primary School

Parents/Carers of all children who will be starting Primary school in **September 2019** will need to fill in an admissions form and are advised to return it to Birmingham City Council as soon as possible.

The final closing date is 15th January 2019.

This can be done on-line at:

www.birmingham.gov.uk/schooladmissions

If you are unsure about where to send your child, book an appointment to have a look around your local schools.

Please ask at the school office if you have any questions or need help in accessing the on-line form.



Preparing for WINTER

Please make sure your child has a warm coat for school. Children will be playing outdoors every day. Help your child by putting their **name** clearly on their coat.



Hats, scarves and gloves will also need to be labelled.

Please check that your child has picked up the correct school jumper and return clothes which do not belong to your child.

During severe weather conditions we may have to close the school if there are transport and safety issues. Please ensure that we have the correct mobile number for you to receive text updates. Also listen out for announcements on the local radio before setting off to school. Free Radio, Heart FM or Radio WM.

All school closures are also on Birmingham City Council's website www.birmingham.gov.uk/school-closures and on the school website: www.wesththn.bham.sch.uk

Christmas Party Food

Lists will be available in the classrooms closer to party day, Wednesday 19th December, for contributions of party food for the Christmas Party.



This term we will be introducing the teddies to the children, talking about the 'Right to a name' (articles 7 and 8). We would be grateful if you could talk through the 'Rights' with your child. Information can be found in the booklet, which is in the bag with each group's teddy.

