

# Goodmayes Kindergarten

## Newsletter January 2018 Important information for new term

Visit our Web site [www.nursery1.co.uk](http://www.nursery1.co.uk) you can read our newsletter and check term dates on line!

### Welcome back



Happy New Year and we hope you had a good holiday and enjoyed the festive season. Thank you from all the staff for your kind words, gifts and Christmas cards. May we extend a special welcome to all the new children who start their first term with us. We hope your stay will be happy and productive.

### OUTSIDE PLAY.

OFSTED require that children should take part in outside play activities every day, weather permitting, so please make sure your child is provided with suitable clothing for this activity



We are always happy to listen to you. If you would like to discuss any aspect of your child's care in the nursery, or their progress, or if you have any concerns, or complaints. Their Key person, Teacher, is always happy to chat to you at any time. However should you feel that the issue is best discussed confidentially, please make this known to the teacher, who will arrange a private meeting at time to suit both.



### DATES FOR 2018 HALF TERM

Closed from Friday 9<sup>th</sup> Feb. Return on \mon 19<sup>th</sup>Feb.

Easter Holiday Closed from Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> March Return on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup>. April.

### Teddy Bears Picnic

We shall be having our annual teddy bears picnic shortly after Easter, we will let you know the date soon. Children can bring their favourite teddy. We will be making sandwiches and doing face painting. The children do enjoy this event. So that all children may take part, it will be run over two days.



**Name Cards are out each morning on the table as you come in, this is to help the children to learn to read and find their own name every day.**

**Children's names will be on coloured cards RED, GREEN, & YELLOW Please help and encourage your child to find their own name every morning and place on registration table.**



During this half term, we are focusing on developing your child's listening and listening skills and understanding through play and adult led activities. Our focus will be looking at different aspects of winter, looking at clothes, snow, ice and the different weather. We will also be celebrating Chinese New Year, Pancake Day and Valentine's Day.



### Healthy Eating Policy

We operate a healthy eating policy at the nursery, the children are offered a choice of milk or water. We would however, like parents to provide a piece of fruit for each session, please try to be creative. The odd packet of breadsticks or pitta bread would be useful too. This food is offered to children at snack time.



### Should you need us - Contact Numbers for your Nursery Managers:

Goodmayes Manager: Jean Tabersham 07703 933009 During nursery times

Area Manager Maureen Cassidy 07958 789303 all other enquiries..

Finally, our sponsored bounce raised over £70.00 toward our Christmas party's entertainments, food and presents. A big thank you to all of those who worked so hard to get sponsors for their children. They had a great time raising the money as well!

Kind regards Jean Tabersham (Manager)

Manger's Number: 07703 933009 During nursery hours only.

Information for free 2 year old places is overleaf, see if you qualify, see how to apply.....

## Free Early Learning Places For 2 Year Olds! – Not a lot of people know that.....

That's 15 hours of a week for you to have a break, get stuff done at home, study or look for work.

You can use your 15 hours

Between 9am and 12 noon at Goodmayes Kindergarten Monday to Friday

**Is my child eligible?** You could get up to 15 hours a week of free childcare at Goodmayes nursery, pre-school if your family receives any of the following benefits:

- Universal Credit
- Income support
- Income based Jobseekers Allowance
- Income related Employment and Support Allowance (if you are unable to work due to illness or disability)
- The guaranteed element of State Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit with a household income (as assessed by HMRC) of £16,190.00 or less per year
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- Working Tax Credit with a household income (as assessed by HMRC) of £16,190.00 or less per year

Or your child:

- Receives Disability Living Allowance
- Has a current statement of special educational need or an Education, Health and Care plan
- Is looked after by the local authority
- Has left care through special guardianship or an adoption or residence order

Your child will be able to take up their free childcare place the term after their second birthday. The following dates show when your child is eligible for Free Early Education Entitlement.

<b>A child born on or between ...</b>	<b>Will become eligible for a free place from ...</b>
1 April and 31 August	1 September following their 2 <sup>nd</sup> birthday
1 September and 31 December	1 January following their 2 <sup>nd</sup> birthday
1 January and 31 March	1 April following their 2 <sup>nd</sup> birthday

## How do I apply?

If you believe you meet the eligibility criteria above you can apply for your child's free early learning place on the [Redbridge Parent Portal](https://parentportal.redbridge.gov.uk/Live/Website/default.aspx). <https://parentportal.redbridge.gov.uk/Live/Website/default.aspx> Or contact the FiND helpline on 0800 587 7500 You will need to provide your National Insurance number and you and your child's details on the system.

If you are eligible you will be sent an email confirming this, which you will need to share with your chosen childcare provider.