

SEASONAL NEWSLETTER

Together we play, talk, listen and learn

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December News

We can hardly believe that we find ourselves already in December and Christmas and the end of the year is fast approaching. It has been such a busy time here at Edith Kerrison and it's a time of year filled with joy as children practice their Christmas songs for the sing along that we will be sharing with you next week.

It has been wonderful to see the progress the children have made this term as they have settled and developed friendships. Children are also showing high levels of independence, making the most of all the opportunities for play and learning on offer at Edith Kerrison.

We have been working with an Educational Consultant on our 'joy of outdoors' project and we continue to discover how important outdoor learning is to the children. The children love to play outside and flourish showing great curiosity in nature and a sense of pride as they persevere and complete a variety of physical challenges.

Some of our older children in the Snuggery are getting ready for their transition over to our classes for three and four year olds. They have enjoyed meeting their new teachers and exploring the environment.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you a Merry Christmas and a happy, peaceful New Year from all at Edith Kerrison.

Jo Aylett

Headteacher



UP AND COMING EVENTS

The story of Christmas and sing-along
Friday 13th December 2024

Christmas parties and Father Christmas
Friday 20th December 2024

Christmas holiday
Friday 20th December 2024

Home visits and induction for new admissions
7th and 8th January 2025

All children return for the Spring Term
Thursday 9th January 2025

Christmas Cards

The post box will be available for 1 week from **Monday 9th December – Friday 13th December.**

It would be a great help if you could limit the number of cards put in the box to 10 from each child and give any additional ones directly to the children. This amounts to approx. 1,200 cards. (In a class of 30 children if each child sends to all the others it totals almost 5,400 cards and it takes hours to sort them out).

The school needs parent volunteers to help sort out cards.

Please speak to your teachers. Class lists will be available on the classroom doors from **Friday 6th December.**

Please put the children's team name on the envelopes i.e. Joanna, Helen, Barbara and Manny.

Seasonal Greetings

The Story of Christmas & Sing along

AM children Doors will open at **10.20am** for parents. Sing along starts at **10.30am**.

PM children Doors will open at **2.30pm** for parents. Sing along starts at **2.40pm**.

Due to lack of space, please do not invite additional people and please leave prams outside.

Videoing & photography

No videoing or photography is allowed during the performance.

You may take a photograph of your child when the performance has finished.

Please remember to turn off mobile phones!

It is the Christmas party!

Children can wear party clothes or fancy dress. There will be dancing and games.

AM children and 30 hour children arrive at **8.40am**. Please collect your child between **10.30 – 10.40am**.

PM children all arrive at **1.00pm**. Please collect your child between **2.45 – 2.55pm**.

The School and Children's Centre will close at **3pm**.

Staffing Update

We say farewell to Emilie at the end of term and thank her for all her work with our Edith Kerrison Nursery School and Children's Centre community as an Assistant Headteacher and SENDCo. We wish her all the very best for the future.

We warmly welcome Tania Chowdhury who will be our new Deputy Headteacher and SENCO. Tania comes to us with a great wealth of Early Years, leadership and SENDCo experience. She has already visited the school and spent time getting to know the children, staff and leadership team.

Additional News

New Website - We would like to alert all parents to our wonderful new website where they can keep up to date with key information about all that goes on at Edith Kerrison Nursery School and Children's Centre. www.edithkerrison.newham.sch.uk

Curriculum Matters

We would also like to remind parents to take a look at their child's on line learning journal where they will find a link to all the exciting opportunities for learning the children have been engaging in this term.

First day back for children

Children return on **Thursday 9th January 2025**.

NB. On **Monday 6th January** Nursery will be closed for staff INSET. On **Tuesday 7th January** new admissions will be visiting the school for their induction sessions. **Wednesday 8th January** is home visiting day for new admissions The Children's Centre will be closed **Monday 6th January** for staff training.

WINTER 2024

