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Nell Gwynn Nursery School

Gregory Doey, Interim Executive Headteacher
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18th November 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

The staff at Nell Gwynn have really enjoyed working in partnership with you so far this term. It has been a pleasure to see how the children have been progressing in their learning and development. Thank you for your support and positive feedback as we all value it and your input helps us to adapt to the individual needs of the children.

Dates for your diary:

Tuesday 13th December: Christmas lunch for children who attend Monday to Wednesday + full-timers

Wednesday 14th December

9am -11am: Christmas party for children who attend Monday to Wednesday + full-timers

1pm – 3pm: Christmas party for children who attend Wednesday to Friday + full-timers

All children will have an opportunity to see Father Christmas in his grotto

Thursday 15th December: Christmas lunch for children who attend Wednesday to Friday + full-timers

Thursday 15th December will be the last day of term for children and the timings will be normal.

Staff INSET on Tuesday 3rd January and morning of Wednesday 4th January

School will resume for children on **Wednesday 4th January at 12.45pm**, beginning with the Wednesday to Friday attendance children. Full-time children will also start back on this day and time.

Children will be supported to decorate our Christmas tree which will go up in December. If you are feeling creative and are interested in helping us create a grotto for Father Christmas, then please speak to a member of staff.

We are sensitive to the fact that not all families wish to be involved in Christmas events, therefore please do speak to staff if this applies to you and your child.

Safeguarding:

We have a duty of care towards your child and will put your child first when it comes to safeguarding. At Nell Gwynn the safeguarding team are as follows:

Designated Safeguarding Leads:

Gregory Doey – Executive Headteacher

Pippa Baker – Head of School and SENCo

Deputy Designated Safeguarding Leads:

Alicia Colon Jimenez – Administrative Manager

Sam Halls – Class Teacher

Please speak with staff if you have any concerns regarding your child or highlight anything you notice to be a concern while in school.

Road safety is very important therefore please use the zebra crossing on Meeting House Lane when crossing over to get to Nell Gwynn. We need children to understand how to cross the road safely, holding hands with trusted adults.

A gentle reminder that if your child is due to start **primary school in September 2023** that you should apply through Southwark admissions. The deadline is the **15th of January** although you can apply any time before then. Please visit schools before you make your final decision as this will give you a feel for the school and if it is the right place for your child.

Gregory and the senior leadership team would be very happy if you were to visit the 2 primary schools that he is in charge of in Southwark. They are 1 form entry schools with a real family feel to them. They seek to place children at the very heart of all that they do and believe that strong relationships with families are vital to successful school careers for the children that attend the schools.

Please find details below:

- Pilgrims' Way Primary School
  Manor Grove
  SE15 1EF
  020 7639 1995
  admin@pilgrimsway.southwark.sch.uk

- Bellenden Primary School
  Dewar Street
  SE15 4JP
  020 7732 7107
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Please do not hesitate to get in touch and Gregory will be very happy to arrange a tour.

Let us know if you have any queries regarding the information in this letter and if there's anything you require help or guidance with. We appreciate your continued support for our school community.

Kind regards,

Pippa Baker
Head of School and SENCo