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Nell Gwynn Nursery School

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Dear Parents/Carers,

A belated Happy New Year and a warm welcome to our new families joining us. We hope you all have had a good start to the Spring Term. Please do update us with any new information regarding your child/children and ensure that we have current addresses and telephone numbers. It is important to ensure your emergency contact details are up to date and any key changes in circumstances are relayed to your child's key person.

I'm pleased to introduce two new members of staff at Nell Gwynn, Vicky, (Teaching Assistant) and Aderonke, (Class Teacher). You may have met them already but please feel free to say "hello" if you haven't yet.

Parents/carers of children who turn **four years old** before the **31st August 2023**, should now have applied for a primary school place online. If you haven't yet applied, then please speak to us as soon as possible so we can signpost you towards support as a late applicant.

National Storytelling Week is taking place on the **30th January** until the **5th February**. We would love to invite parents to either tell or read a story to children over the course of that week. Please speak to staff if you wish to participate. We welcome stories being told in a variety of languages and we have dual language stories available too.

Peckham library will be visiting Nell Gwynn every third Friday of the month to read stories to children and we hope you will continue to borrow books from our Nell Gwynn lending library. Please keep reading to your children daily as it supports their ability to listen, attend and verbally communicate.

Safeguarding:

Please remember that mobile phones **should not** be in use in the vicinity of children. This is to protect the children from having photographs or videos taken of them. We ask that your mobile phone is safely out of view and not in use. If you need to take an urgent phone call while settling



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your child, then please inform a member of staff so that you can be directed to an area away from children.

Please speak to a member of staff if you ever have any safeguarding concerns and they will direct you to either the Safeguarding Leads, Pippa Baker and Gregory Doey or Deputy Designated Safeguarding Leads, Sam Halls and Alicia Colon Jimenez.

In early February there will be a workshop running, focused on the wellbeing and positive mental health of Mothers. Jadi-Ann Bent from Black Thrive and SLAM will be leading the workshop. More details and flyers to follow soon...

Please take some time to visit our Nell Gwynn Nursery School website:

<https://www.nellgwynn.southwark.sch.uk/>

We are always adding new content, so have a look and feel free to ask any questions. Any comments or feedback would be welcome.

Half-term dates when the nursery is closed are: **Monday 13th February until Friday 17th February.** Nell Gwynn will resume with normal hours on **Monday 20th February.**

Thanks for your ongoing support and engagement with our setting. We value working in partnership with you and your contributions.

Kind regards,

P. Baker

Pippa Baker

Head of School and SENCo