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Nell Gwynn Nursery School

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Thank you for working with us this term as we support the children with their learning and development. We have been observing children making visible gains in their ability to be independent, communicate with others and develop play skills.

At Nell Gwynn we value learning through play in an inclusive environment, where there are open ended, hands-on opportunities for children to explore and investigate. I wanted to highlight the importance of all adults (whether at home or school), speaking to children, taking time to read to children and being actively interested in what motivates children to learn.

Children should have limited time on screens and devices and more time experiencing the world around them through all of their senses. We want the best possible outcomes for all our children, so let's keep communicating with each other about how we can promote children's holistic development while helping them to acquire life skills.

Dates for diaries:

Monday 28th October – Friday 1st November (Half-term holiday)
Children return on Week beginning Monday 4th November

Wednesday 13th November (11am-1pm): Nasal flu spray immunisation available for children who are yet to be immunised. More information will be sent out separately regarding this event.

Thursday 14th November: Nell Gwynn to be awarded the Nellie Watson Trophy from the London Children's Flower Society. The trophy is in recognition of children and staff being highly commended for growing and looking after spring bulbs.

Wed 11th December: Christmas Jumper Day to raise money for 'Save the Children'. We will be wearing jumpers and donating what we can afford. We have chosen Wed 11th December so that all children (if they wish to), can participate in Christmas Jumper Day.

Friday 20th December: Last day of term before the Christmas holidays. Please note that we will finish at **12pm** on Friday 20th December.

INSET Day on Monday 6th January, 2025 (school is closed to children).

Tuesday 7th January: Children return for the beginning of the spring term.

After half-term, we will provide details regarding any events or activities in the lead up to Christmas holidays.

Safeguarding:

A gentle reminder that adults should not be using mobile phones in the vicinity of children for safeguarding. It protects the children and it also protects you against allegations. Please put your phones away while in nursery unless there are exceptional circumstances. Thank you.

To ensure we have the correct details regarding your child/children, please update the staff team with any new phone numbers, addresses, change of emergency contacts, etc. If your child has any new developments in terms of their health and wellbeing, then please share with us, so we can ensure any needs are attended to.

Reading:

Every three weeks on a Friday, Peckham Library visits to read with the children.

Please stay and read with your child on a Wednesday and Friday. We are providing book bags to encourage children to borrow books they can share with adults at home.

A love of reading is so important and we can't emphasize enough how crucial it is that adults model interest in books whether that be fact or fiction. Please let staff know if you would be interested in coming in to read to children in your home language. We would appreciate any parents/carers volunteering to read.

Enjoy the rest of your week and please let staff know if there are any concerns or queries.

Kind regards,

Pippa Baker
Head of School and SENCo