

## Castle Vale Nursery and Children's Centre Autumn Newsletter



Hello,

We're into our second half term already and the children have settled really well I'm sure you'd agree. Thank you to all of you for working with us and trusting us.

This term is quite a long one (8 weeks) and the children will get tired. This may lead to them being a bit tearful coming into school. Please continue to work with us on this.

Please check that you take your own child's belongings home, some items have gone missing. If you can write your child's name in everything we would be very grateful. If you are struggling, come to the office and we will write your child's name in. We do our best with items but we will have over 200 gloves to try to manage which is not always possible. Help us by teaching your child to put them in their coat pocket or attach through their sleeves with string.

Keep an eye out for Christmas events coming soon.

*Sally* (Head Teacher) and *Debra* (Deputy Head Teacher)

### School Admissions

It's a shame that when we still have so much time to spend together that we have to think where your child will be going next but it is important that you choose the best school for you and your child and that you feel happy with that choice.

Obviously some of you do not need to think about this until next year.

The school admission process is now all online. You will need to visit [https://www.birmingham.gov.uk/info/20119/school\\_admissions/590/apply\\_for\\_reception\\_primary\\_school](https://www.birmingham.gov.uk/info/20119/school_admissions/590/apply_for_reception_primary_school) or google Birmingham Reception Admission 2018.

The best way to choose your child's school is to visit the schools. After that you will know where you want your child to go.

Once you have decided you will need to register **3** choices. It is very important that you select three even if you want your first choice, it will help. If you are not confident with completing this online, come to the office and we will help you.

The closing date for your selection for your child's Primary School is **15th January 2018** but the sooner the better.

Come along to Café Workshop this week. If you cannot make your allocated day, let us know and we will find you a new date.



## The Work

You may have noticed some changes have been taking place.

We are very excited to replace the children's places we had at the Astral site.

The Local Authority have agreed to knock through the community room and the office space to make one big room. We are also fencing off the car park to create a lovely garden.

This means we will have new spaces for 2, 3 and 4 year olds for January. Please let friends and relatives know.

It is part of the reason the Children's Centre moved up the road but Stay and Play sessions and family support is still available just like it was when we were on one site.

Please bear with us in this time. We hope it will all be completed by the time we break up in December.



Lots of our children are coming to school late. Children who come to school every day and on time do better than children who do not.

School starts, in the morning, at 9:15, we let children in from 9:10 so they are ready to start learning. In the afternoon this is 12:20.

This time at the start of the session is when the children receive structured teaching to prepare them for school. It is essential you child arrives in time for it. They are missing out when they are late. *Remember we have breakfast club.*



## Illness

As I'm sure you have noticed, this term is the one where the children pick up lots of germs, coughs and colds.

Call us if you are not sure about whether your child can come into school or not. We are happy to give medicine but you need to come to the office to fill out a form. Often children do fine once they are in school and we can always call you if they are struggling.

Please send you child in clothes for the weather. If it's raining, please send plenty of spare clothes, especially socks.

**Tapestry** There will be lots of lovely stories on your child's Tapestry account. Don't miss out - sign up today!

## Dates for your diary...

**Friday 22nd December** - Break up for holiday.  
**Tuesday 9th January** - Back to school