



### Happy Christmas.



We would like to say how proud we are of all the children. They have settled so well and are loving all the new learning opportunities, exploring all the nursery environment and developing friendships.

***Please remember you can always talk to your child's key worker if you have any questions or concerns. We are here to help and support you on your child's learning journey.***

We have been advised by Birmingham Children's Hospital's that the Emergency Department has been under significant, sustained pressure due to high levels of respiratory infections locally and unprecedented attendances. Across the country, Children's EDs are seeing approximately a 20% increase on previous record attendances, with a number of units reporting a lack of beds for paediatric admissions. We know that many children haven't been exposed to 'classroom environments' due to the pandemic.

### Absence from School

Please remember to contact us on the first day your child is absent. **0121 675 2284** or email: **schooloffice@garretts.bham.sch.uk**

***Sickness or diarrhoea require 48 hours absence from school after the last episode. Please remember to tell us if you change your contact numbers.***

### Groovy Movers



Katy Luong, Groovy Little Movers is passionate about enabling young children to develop their full potential, learning through engagement and fun. Her **original music** provides a unique opportunity to develop confidence and creativity, alongside listening, language, numeracy and social skills. Katie has been joining us every Monday and sharing her Groovy Little Movers' resources. The children have had such fun and we hope that you enjoyed the opportunity to see the lovely activities during the parents session. We have loved having Katy as a part of our Team.

### Christmas Events

We have Christmas trees arriving at nursery on Monday 5th Dec ready for the children to decorate.

We hope that you are able to join us at St Giles Church on the dates below. Children are able to ring the church bells before joining staff at the front of the church to sing Christmas songs and listen to the Christmas Story. Refreshments and mince pies will be served after this.

**Tuesday 6th December Green, Orange and Purple groups 4-5pm**

**Wednesday 7th December Blue and Yellow groups 4-5pm**

**Christmas Jumper Day is on Thursday 8th December.** Children can wear something 'Christmassy' (not fancy dress) please note that there is no need to buy a special jumper. Donations will be collected for Save the Children Fund.

**Christmas Party Day is on Tuesday 13th December** Children may wear Christmas clothes. Please remember to send the children with coats and sensible shoes for outside play. We will provide party snacks for the children (Full time children should still bring in their lunches as usual please) and Roy from Magic Party will be here to entertain the children.

**Children break up on Friday 16th December, they return on Wednesday 3rd**



### School Admissions for Reception Place (Primary School)

If your child is born between September 1st 2018 and the 31st August 2019, they will be able to start school in September 2023. It is important that you apply for a place as soon as possible. The deadline is the **15th January 2023 at 11.59pm**.

[https://www.birmingham.gov.uk/info/20119/school\\_admissions/1786/apply\\_for\\_reception\\_primary\\_school](https://www.birmingham.gov.uk/info/20119/school_admissions/1786/apply_for_reception_primary_school)

Please use the link above to complete the online application.

### 30 Hours Nursery Funding

If your Child currently attends for 30 hours, you must confirm eligibility for the Spring Term by **31st December 2022**. Please send a screenshot of the next renewal date to Trish, if you haven't already done so, please email [school-office@garretts.bham.sch.uk](mailto:school-office@garretts.bham.sch.uk) Thank you.

**This must be done before we break up for Christmas.**

**Oasis Hub Blakenhale:**  
**Living Room:**  
**Make yourself at home**



**The Living Room**  
Wednesday 1.30pm - 3pm

The Link Community Hub  
Oasis Blakenhale  
Blakenhale Road  
B33 0XD

All are welcome to come into the warmth and enjoy family time together, a warm drink and activities in a relaxed atmosphere.

For more information please contact Adam Larkin  
[adam.larkin@oasisuk.org](mailto:adam.larkin@oasisuk.org)



**Oasis Hub Blakenhale:**  
**Stay & Play**  
**0-3 Year Olds**



**BLAKENHALE STAY AND PLAY**  
Play Explore Learn  
EVERY WEDNESDAY 9AM - 10.30AM  
TERM TIME ONLY  
ONLY £1.50 PER CHILD  
SUITABLE FOR 0-3 YEARS

Come and join us at the Link Community Hub on Blakenhale Road and you and your child can join in with some fun activities together.

We look forward to seeing you on Wednesday

for more information please email  
[adam.larkin@oasisuk.org](mailto:adam.larkin@oasisuk.org)



**Oasis Living Room**  
**FREE**



Monday-Friday 3.30-4.45

Hobmoor Community Centre  
250 Wash Lane B25 8FD

All are welcome to come into the warmth to enjoy family time, a warm drink, and activities in a relaxing atmosphere.  
**Children under 11 to be accompanied by an adult.**

Wifi, Phone charging, Microwave, Kettle  
Washing machine,

**Oasis Hobmoor Community Centre- The Living Room**

The Living Room is a warm, inviting and safe place for children, young people and families which provides facilities such as Wi-Fi, mobile charging, kettle/microwave, washing machine etc. Alongside games and leisure activities.





### Thank You

Thank you for supporting our food bank collection. Reverend Susan came into Nursery on Thursday 1st December 2022 to collect the food and explain to the children what it was for.

It was really kind of you to send in your donations and it's lovely for us to support our local community.

The 'Garretts Green food bank' is located at St Thomas Church on Garretts Green Lane— it is open for all on Wednesday's 10-11am. No referral needed, families can just attend during that hour.

Also, thank you for sending in School Fund contributions. These go towards things for the children such as the entertainer at Christmas, Christmas trees, party food and presents and many other celebrations over the year.



### Photographs

We expect the photographs to be back early wk. by 05.12.22. Academy Photography will be collecting the orders and we hope to have the prints returned to us before we break up.

### Warm Clothes for winter.

We will continue to be free flowing indoors and outdoor areas and making the best use of Forest school. Can we ask parents to send children in warm clothes and provide, hat, coat, scarf and gloves.



## TAPESTRY

We hope you are enjoying seeing what your children are up to at nursery. If you have not yet signed into tapestry please email [tapestry@garrets.bham.sch.uk](mailto:tapestry@garrets.bham.sch.uk)

### Parking.

The lack of parking space around school has increasingly been a cause for some concern and I would like to thank you for your cooperation as you try to find a place to leave your car but may we urge you to park safely and considerately when you arrive to drop off your child or at the end of the session.

When you park near school please may I therefore ask you to consider the following:

- ✓ Parking on the pavement is an offence and you may be subject to a fine but parking entirely on the pavement also prevents safe access to the school gate
- ✓ Visibility is also restricted for traffic using the road and drivers may not see little children behind parked cars
- ✓ Parking on zig-zag lines outside the Horrell Road entrance is prohibited

Our priority will always be safety and I am sure that you will help us to keep everyone safe by being considerate when parking. Thank you.



### Please do not leave children in your car unattended whilst you bring in your Nursery-age child.

*Thank you for your continued support, it has been a pleasure to see how well the children have done at nursery and we are really excited about the new adventures in the Spring term, have a restful, safe Christmas and we look forward to seeing you all in January 2023.*

*Claire and the Nursery Team at Garretts Green*