



# Garretts Green Nursery School & Enhanced Provision.



## Autumn Term 1 - Newsletter 2023 – 2024.



We welcome you to Garretts Green Nursery School & Enhanced Provision and would like to say how proud we are of all the children.

They are settling so well and are loving all the new learning opportunities available, exploring all the nursery environment and developing friendships.

We look forward to sharing the rest of the Nursery year with you.

### Important Reminders!

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

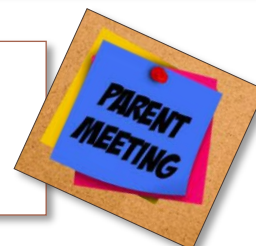
Vomiting or Diarrhoea requires 48 hours absence from school following the last episode.

Please do not send your child into school if they have had Calpol/Paracetamol.



**Contact details:** It is important that we always have your up to date contact details on record so that we can contact you in an emergency and keep you informed with relevant information. Please contact the office to make any changes to your details.

**Parent Consultations:** We will be holding our Autumn Term Parent Consultations w/c: 13.11.23. This will be an opportunity to share and discuss your child's progress. Your Key Worker will be making appointments with you from next week (23.10.23). Look out for our Parent Workshops coming soon - dates to be confirmed.



**Half Term Holiday & Training Day:** We will be closed for Half Term on Monday 30th October to Friday 3rd November.

**Training Day:** We are also closed on Monday 6th November for essential staff training. The Nursery will re open on as usual on Tuesday 7th November.



**School Photographer:** The photographer will be in school all day to take individual pictures on Wednesday 29th November.

Look out for consent forms from your Key Workers.



**Self help skills:** We have been learning lots of self help and personal hygiene skills this term. Please help continuing to practice these skills over the half term holiday to develop independence further. You can do this by encouraging children to put coats and shoes on by themselves, wiping own noses, washing hands and using the toilet independently.

**Primary School Places for September 2024:** If your child will be 4 before the end of August 2024 then **you must** apply for a primary school place for them ready for next September. Applications are now open and the deadline is **15th January 2024.**

Go to **[www.birmingham.gov.uk/schooladmissions](http://www.birmingham.gov.uk/schooladmissions)** to complete your online form.



## Nursery News!



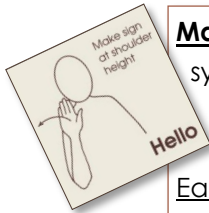
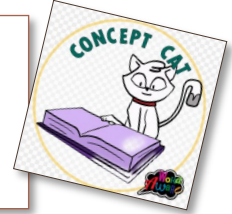
**Tapestry:** We hope you are enjoying seeing what your children are up to at Nursery. Don't forget you can also add photos to show us what your child enjoys learning at home. If you have not yet signed into tapestry please email: [tapestry@garretts.bham.sch.uk](mailto:tapestry@garretts.bham.sch.uk)

**Concept Cat:** The children have been introduced to Concept Cat.



He is a very clever cat who helps to develop the children's vocabulary. It's a fun and engaging method to teach children early verbal concepts such as *more, empty, between and after.*

Look out for our Parent Workshop coming soon!



**Makaton:** We use Makaton in Nursery. This is a unique language programme that uses symbols, signs and speech to enable people to communicate. It supports the development of essential communication skills such as attention and listening, comprehension, memory, recall and organisation of language and expression.

Each week we will begin teaching you new vocabulary and signs on Tapestry!

**Groovy Little Movers:** Katy Luong, from Groovy Little Movers joins us every Thursday and 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. We love having Katy as a part of our Team.

Look out for our Parent Workshop coming soon!



**Forest School:** Our Forest School Leader Sue will be starting sessions soon. In Forest School the children will have some fabulous opportunities to develop their confidence and self-esteem through hands-on experiences in a natural setting.

Please remember to bring your child a pair of wellies.

**Diwali:** The children have been learning about the 'Festival of Light' and have been making Diya's from clay, Rangoli patterns and dancing to cultural music.



**Black History Month:** October is Black History Month in the UK, an event that has been celebrated nationwide for more than 30 years. We have been joining in with the annual celebration by sharing and acknowledging amazing achievements and contributions of black people in the UK with the children.

More information available at: [Black History Month 2023 - Celebrating our Sisters](#)

**Happy Families:** Keep a look out for information on Tapestry on how you can become more involved with joining in and participating in our 'Happy Families Parent Group'.



Thank you for your ongoing support - Have a wonderful Half Term.

From all of the GGNS Team!