

Fledglings News

November
2023

**WE
ARE
CLOSED
FOR THE
HOLIDAYS**

We close at 6pm on
Thursday 21st Dec and
re-open at 7:45am on
Wednesday 3rd Jan.



CHILDREN IN NEED 13-17 November. We have a fun packed activity week planned next week, if you are able to, please [Donate to BBC Children in Need](#)

Diwali celebrations will be continuing all week and next week. Children will be tasting different foods and learning about Diwali and the festival of light. We are also learning about why people wear poppies for Remembrance Day. As always, if you would prefer your child not to participate in any celebrations, just drop us a message.

NEST & PLAYSCHOOL

Tuesday 19th December We have booked a Rhythm Time Christmas party for the nest and playschool children who are due in that day.

After Pudsey week, we will be getting our Christmas decorations out and the children will start making a variety of goodies to enhance your home displays!

PRESCHOOL

Wednesday 13th December Christmas performance, ONLY children starting school September 2024

Thursday 14th December Southfield House minibus to visit and sing with the residents (separate permission to be given for 8-10 children beforehand)

Wednesday 20th December Panto at Moss Hey. ONLY children in that day.

Thursday 21st December 9:15-11:15am ALL preschool children (including those NOT usually in on a Thursday) are invited.

Funded childcare – As you are probably already aware, additional **funded** childcare will be available for working parents from April 2024. Eligibility will be the same as the three-year-old funding, ie. The term after the child's 3rd birthday is when they become eligible for funding (cut off dates are 31 December / 31 March / 31 August), this will be the same for 2 year olds and eventually 9 months. Funding codes need renewing every three months to reconfirm your eligibility. When your child is eligible, we will send you a letter explaining the process of applying and the approximate costs per month. This is **FUNDED** childcare, not **FREE** childcare and is only paid **TERM TIME** not **ALL YEAR** like fees! More information is available at childcarechoices.gov.uk.

We have introduced a 'policy of the month'. This month is 'lockdown' – may we remind you to NEVER let anyone (even if you know they are a parent!) in the door at Fledglings if you happen to be inside the corridor.

- **LOTS OF CLOTHING AND SHOES ARE STILL COMING IN UN-NAMED.** Please name all clothing, coats, shoes, wellies, gloves/mittens, hats!!! Some children are only just beginning to learn to put their own coats on and find their coats on their pegs, sometimes the coats fall off the pegs. Children's shoes are removed for sleep time and some children have the same shoes, usually in a very similar size! So we really can't stress this enough – please name **EVERYTHING!**
- Fledglings parents and Grandparents are not allowed to use the school car park (this is part of our lease agreement)
- As the weather turns dark and cold at pick-up time, we try to make this as speedy as possible for everyone, however, we are aware a queue may form sometimes. We do feel awful making you wait in the rain and cold, we really do our best to quickly get the children ready to leave.
- Please ensure your child brings a coat and as the weather is turning, that their spare clothes are weather suitable and that they have NAMED hats and gloves/mittens.

If you're going on holiday or your child is going to be absent due to illness, please drop us a message on Family / WhatsApp / Email, just so we don't try to ring you by the pool, or if you're looking after your poorly little person! If you cancel a holiday absence for your child, please also drop us a message to let us know in advance.

Many thanks

Illness and medication: Unfortunately around this time of year, young children do seem to get poorly - A LOT! If your child requires medication when attending nursery, this must be prescribed by a doctor/ dentist/ nurse/ pharmacist. The NHS website states 'if a child has a temperature of 38 degrees or above, it is considered to be high'. In such cases, we will record the child's temperature and offer them a drink of water, after 10 minutes, recheck. If temperature remains high, will telephone parents to ask them to collect their child. If the parent is going to be a long time, we will ask for verbal permission to give paracetamol medication to help bring the child's temperature down. We insist that if children are not well enough to come to nursery or they have had a high temperature or sickness/diarrhoea that they do not attend nursery until they are fully fit. Please refer to our policy regarding exclusion periods for illnesses. Poorly children attending nursery results in more poorly children and poorly staff!