

Diary dates...

Below are listed a few key dates coming up in the next term:

Wednesday 17th Jan 2018	Family Wednesday's begin (stay and play for current Maytree families)
Wednesday 24th Jan	Family Wednesday's (stay and play for current Maytree families)
Wednesday 31st Jan	Family Wednesday's (stay and play for current Maytree families)
Friday 2nd Feb	THRESHOLDS NURSERY CLOSED FOR STAFF TRAINING
Wednesday 7th Feb	Family Wednesday's (stay and play for current Maytree families)
Friday 9th Feb	Last day of school.
Monday 19th Feb	Children return to school.
Wednesday 28th Mar	Children's last day.
Thursday 29th Mar	Parent conferencing.
Tuesday 17th April 2018	Children return to school.



HALF TERM HOLIDAY



EASTER HOLIDAY



Welcome back to all our children and families. We hope that you had a lovely rest over the Christmas holiday.

Thank you to the parents who helped us with all our Christmas activities before the holiday.



Remember to visit the website regularly for up to date photographs of the children's learning and experiences. We also have a lending library in the parents' room. If you need any help with this speak to your key person.

RECEPTION APPLICATIONS:



The deadline for these to reach Lambeth is Monday 15th January 2018. If you need help with this, please see Clare at Reception or speak to Lambeth admissions team **URGENTLY.**

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CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY:



Thank you for your donations for Christmas Jumper Day. We raised £98 for Save the Children, and the children looked fantastic in their Christmas jumpers.

SCHOOL FUND:

Thank you to everyone that bought raffle tickets before the holiday, we raised £253. This will be used to pay for the sheep and donkey that visited us. We ask that you continue to make your school fund contributions and thank you to those who have. Without this money we would not be able to provide the visitors to enhance the children's learning and trips that we take the children on.



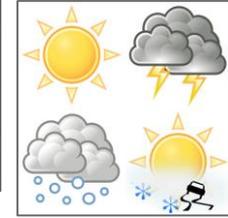
We have been...

- Playing turn taking games.
- Sharing with friends.
- Making marks in different ways; using paint and paste, drawing, painting objects and writing stories and letters.
- Drawing and retelling our favourite stories.
- Counting objects and writing how many.
- Learning new songs and rhymes.
- Cooking pizzas and making milkshakes.



Language we are using...

- Names of shapes, both 2D and 3D.
- Language to talk about the weather; seasons, rain, cold, spring, winter, etc.
- Home, family, mum, dad, brother, sister, aunt, grandad, etc.
- Names of numerals; one, two, three, etc.
- Language to give instructions; first, next, after that, finally.
- Names of instruments and words linked to music; beat, rhythm, clap, bang, shake, move, listen, sound, etc.



We will be...

- Using a range of technology to support our learning: iPads, digital microscope, programmable robots, cameras and the interactive whiteboard.
- Recognising and naming numerals. Using numerals to label groups.
- Developing our number skills in counting and labelling groups of objects
- Making music, exploring the sounds of the musical instruments, following and copying rhythms, moving in time to music.
- Talking about the changes in the weather and seasons.

Ideas to try at home...

- Going on a treasure hunt to find...shapes, numbers, cold things, objects that have sounds like the sound at the start of their name.
- Make up rhythms to copy by clapping hands, tapping the floor, banging on saucepans or tins.
- Listen to different music and make up a dance.
- Talk about the numbers around them; door number, telephone number, numbers on the car or bus. Cut numbers out of a newspaper and put them in order.
- Talk about the weather today.
- Make some ice and try to make it melt; talk about what is happening and how it feels.