

Diary dates...

Below are listed a few key dates coming up before the Christmas holidays, and the dates for returning to school in January:

Wednesday 9th October	Meeting regarding applying for a Reception place (9.30-10.30)
Tuesday 15th October	International fashion parade for children. Children to dress in traditional costume
Thursday 17th October	Last day for children
Friday 18th October	Parent Conferencing. (A meeting with your child's key person). School CLOSED to children

HALF TERM HOLIDAY

Monday 28th October	Children return to school
Friday 8th November	Social event for parents, children, staff and governors (School closed from 12.30)
Friday 6th December	Nativity Story Trail
Friday 13th December	Children's Christmas lunch and Christmas Jumper Day for Save the Children
Wednesday 18th December	Visit from Santa in Yellow Room

Friday 20th December	Visit from Santa in Green, Purple and Blue Rooms in the morning (children leave at 12.30). Last day of term for children
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CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY

Tuesday 7th Jan 2020	Children return to school.
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Welcome to the first Maytree Newsletter of this year. Welcome to all our new families and welcome back to our familiar friends. You will receive this newsletter each half term, and it will be a forum where we will share with you any news, developments and information on the learning and events that are happening throughout the nursery.

Thank you for all of your support and patience throughout the settling in process. We understand that this can be a difficult time for the adults involved as well as the children. There is always someone available to support you, listen to your worries and help to reassure you.



If your child is going to be arriving late at school please call

the office before 9.45am, so that we can order them a lunch. You also need to call if your child is off school, with the reason for the absence. If you are picking your child up early in the afternoon, this must be before story starts at 2.50pm.

Can we also take this opportunity to remind you that cars are not to be parked in the car park or nearby space. There are enforcement officers in the area. Please can you ensure that you inform any other adults that may be picking up your child. Thank you for your cooperation.

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Breakfast club, after school club and holiday club

We have breakfast club and after school club available daily. Breakfast is available from 8am if your child is at nursery in the morning. After school club is available from 3.20pm until 5.45pm. We also run holiday club during the school holidays. This is not available over the Christmas break, and during the last two weeks of the summer holiday. Please ask at the office for prices and to book a place. If you will require this for October half term we are taking bookings now.

Welcome to Maytree Social Event

On Friday 8th November we will be holding a social event for you and your family to attend. This will held at Maytree in the evening and is an opportunity for you to get to know staff, governors and other families. **School will be closed after lunch** (from 12.30) to enable staff to prepare for the event. This is a fun evening where everyone brings along a dish to share, and entertainment is provided. We look forward to seeing you there!

Supporting your child's learning

You will all have met your child's key person by now, and they would have spoken about the assessments we make of your child in order to support their development. They may have talked about the system we use called EExAT (Early Excellence Assessment Tracker) on the iPads. There is also an App that parents can use to see the observations that are being made, make comments and upload photos and video from home. All families will receive information on how to set this up on their device, and an individual log in code. We will also have a dedicated workshop about this later in the term.



We will also be running our Family Wednesday sessions for parents. This is held on Wednesday's, throughout the year. The session starts with Paula introducing the focus of the session and letting you have a play! After this you will be welcomed into the classroom to play with your child, and find out more about what we do, why and what the children are learning. We will let you know when these are due to start; this will be once the children are settled in. We look forward to seeing you there.

Governors

We are due to hold our Individual Schools Committee on Wed 25th September, at 6.30pm; the first of 3 across the year. This committee is part of our governing body, and reports to the full governing body meetings on developments at Maytree. If you are interested in finding out more about Maytree, particularly the teaching and learning please talk to Melanie (Head of School) about joining this committee.

Children's Centre activities

Our Children's Centre timetable is available at reception. This details the various activities available for under 5's across our cluster. We also have a number of courses on offer for parents and families. Information about these is available at reception.

There are likely to be changes within the Children's Centres across Lambeth this year, so our advice is to use the services on offer now before we lose them!

We also run a volunteer programme across our settings. This is a scheme where we will train and support you in getting in to work. Sam takes our volunteers through the programme and supports them while they are volunteering. Many of our previous volunteers go on to secure paid employment. If you are interested in joining this scheme please speak to Sam at reception, she is there daily.



We will be...

- Separating from our family and building new relationships.
- Learning about the routines at Nursery. Key language: story time, tidy up time, now, next, etc
- Talking about our families and pretending to be mummies and daddies. Key language; big, small, tiny, taller, shortest.
- Beginning to make marks using different materials such as paint, pens, sand and water.
- Extending our maths knowledge by counting, sorting and labelling groups. Using number names; one, two, etc
- Developing friendships as we build on our new relationships. Key language: sharing, taking turns, friends, kind, listening, wait.
- Listening to and recalling familiar stories.
- Exploring new concepts and materials; making play dough, colour mixing, water, sand, etc.
- Extending our vocabulary and developing our communication skills.
- Using questions to extend our thinking; what if...? I wonder... How could we...?
- Learning new songs and rhymes.



Ideas to try at home...

- Counting different things: steps, buses, socks, sleeps until a special event, number of people in the house, number of buttons they are wearing.
- Make a collection of things that are the same or similar and talk about the things that link them.
- Visit the local library and choose a book to share.
- Collect conkers, leaves, pine cones and use them to make a picture, a sculpture, play in role, or to sort them out.