



Newsletter

November 2015

A healthy opening to education, open hearts and open minds at Chelsea Open Air Nursery

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are half way through the first term of our academic year and the children are thriving! Our parent meeting day was a great success and provided a wonderful chance to meet with your key worker and find out how your child is getting on. Thank you to the parents who completed the questionnaires, I am delighted to say that 100% of parents felt their child is happy at COA and is taught well, the feedback was very helpful in order to understand your views. We welcome your feedback and if you ever have any comments, compliments or complaints please do not hesitate to come and talk to us.

Over the past few weeks we have enjoyed a number of celebrations. Introducing the children to different festivals and community events supports their knowledge and understanding of the world and their sense of community. The celebrations have included:

Diwali, where the children enjoyed creating traditional Diya's and Rangoli Patterns, this activity enhanced their understanding of the Hindu culture, and also supported their mathematical development through the focus on shape and pattern. We would like to say a big thank you to Deepti Kumar, who supported the children's knowledge through the sharing of her faiths traditions and cultures.

Guy Fawkes, where the children were able to observe the creation of a fire bowl, talking to the children about the properties of fire and importantly about the dangers of fire. It was also a chance to reflect on Guy Fawkes events and sing campfire songs.

Christmas Lights

We will be hosting our annual Christmas Lights Celebration on Wednesday 9th December from 5 to 6 pm. It will be a wonderful occasion for all of the family to enjoy Christmas carols, mince pies and hot chocolate together, in celebration of the festive season.

Christmas tree competition

Each year COA takes part in the Christ Church Christmas Tree Competition, the children make decorations for the tree which will be displayed and judged at the Christ Church Saint Nicolas Fair Saturday 5th December from 12 to 3pm.

Children's Christmas Party

On Tuesday 15th December we will be hosting a fun and exciting Christmas party for the children. All children are invited to spend the afternoon (no morning session) 12.45pm – 3.45pm. With special guests and surprises!

Parents Forum

Our Parents Forum is starting to gather momentum and we have a few key parents who are working very hard to establish a strong forum, so thank you to all who are involved. If you are not part of the forum yet it is not too late to get involved, the next meeting is scheduled for Friday 27th November at 9am.

Fruit Rota

Thank you to the parents who have signed up to the fruit rota this term, there will be new list in the New Year for those of you who did not get a slot. We request that parents do not bring in grapes as they pose a choking hazard.

Positive Parenting Programme

This discussion group style programme offers suggestions and ideas on positive parenting to help you manage day to day challenges and promote your child's development. Each Session runs from 9 to 11am, please book your place in the office

During this four week programme we will be covering the following topics:

- Dealing with Disobedience - 18th November
- Managing Fighting and Aggression - 25th November
- Developing good Bedtime Routines - 2nd December
- Hassle-Free Shopping with Children - 9th December

Disposable Plastic Carrier Bags

Since the change to the law implementing a charge for carrier bags we have had a shortage of bags, which are essential for putting children's clothing in if they have an accident or are wet from play. If you have any spare carrier bags please do bring them in. Thank you.

Say Hello...

We are delighted to welcome Ella to our team this term; below is a note from Ella:

Hello! I'm Ella, I'm a PGCE student – studying EYFS and KS1 - from the University of Roehampton. I'm currently on placement at COA until Christmas. I have been and will continue to work with the school to the best of my ability, observing and participating in day-to-day activities. My aim is to be a real asset to the team and make a real difference to all the pupils' experiences. I'm having a great time so far! Ella

Wishing you all a wonderful festive season,

Warm regards,

Julie and the COA Team 😊

Dates for your diary

Friday 27th November 9am to 10.30am

Parent Forum: All welcome, we value your voice and views

Friday 4th December

Applying for Primary School Parent Advise Session: find out about the school admission process

Saturday 5th December (No session in January) & Saturday 6th February

Dads Group: All male carers welcome, no need to book, just come along! Mothers can attend with dad.

Wednesday 9th December 5pm to 6pm

Christmas Lights: A celebration for all of the COA nursery families, festive carols, mince pies and fun!

Tuesday 15th December

Children's Christmas party: All children to attend from 12.45pm-3.45pm only (no morning session) for lots of festive fun!

Friday 18th December

Last Day of Term: all children to attend in the morning, part time children will leave at 11.45, full time at 1pm

Tuesday 5th January

First Day back from the Christmas holiday!