



Early Learners Centre Pre School

NEWSLETTER

January 2015

I would like to welcome all the new parents and children to our new pre-school. Please feel free to come and talk to the staff or myself if you have any questions.

Staff:

Director - Charanjit Chaggar

Owner

Teacher- Jagdeep Chaggar

Pre-School Manager - Sorriya Memon

NVQ level 3 Children's Care Learning and Development

EYFS degree

Safeguarding Officer

Paediatric First Aider

Pre-School Deputy - Reema Rahman

BTEC National Certificate Level 3 Health and Social Care

CACHE Level 3 Children and Young Peoples Workforce

Paediatric First Aider

SEN Lead

Safeguarding Officer

Pre-School Senior Assistant- Jasminder Bhamra

CACHE Level 2 Certificate in Pre School Practice

CACHE Level 3 Certificate in Children's Care, Learning and Development

Promoting Positive Behaviour in Early Years Settings

Pre- School Senior Assistant-Youvina Dussaruth

CACHE Level 3 in Children's Care, Learning and Development

Resources Manager

Health & Safety Lead

Pre-School Assistant-Rehana Sultana

CACHE Level 3 Childcare and Education

Currently studying EYFS Degree

Pre-School Assistant - Jade Robinson

BTEC Level 3 in Health and Social Care

HABC Level 2 in Paediatric First Aid

Pre-School Assistant -Curtis Hudson

NVQ Level 2 in Children's Care, Learning and Development

Pre-School Assistant/Apprentice - Saniya Akhtar

CACHE Level 2 in Children's Care, Learning and Development

Pre-School Assistant/Apprentice - Juneece Forde

CACHE Level 2 in Children's Care, Learning and Development

Pre-School Assistant/Apprentice- Yasmin Sarkar

CACHE Level 2 in Children's Care, Learning and Development

Pre- School Assistant/Apprentice-Rhia Darcheville

CACHE Level 2 in Children's Care, Learning and Development

Jagdeep Chaggar (Qualified Teacher for 15 years) will be working full time across both our Walthamstow and Stratford Branches from January 2015

We would also like to welcome Rhia Darcheville who will be working with us as an apprentice.

Meet our Staff - Parents will have the opportunity to meet and talk to all our staff when they drop and collect their child from the pre-school.

- **Drop in sessions** - Parents are more than welcome to stay with their child for a session and experience the unique learning experience of the pre-school for themselves. They will also get the opportunity to meet their key worker and see the special relationship they have with their child.
- **Mums & Dads Day** - Please see dates further on in the newsletter for mums & dad's day. This is a unique chance to experience the learning environment of the pre-school and also get involved in your child's learning

Pre-School Outing - As part of the curriculum, children are taken on regular visits to the local park, we would like parents to provide children with appropriate clothing due to change of weather.

The pre-school will be organising trips for this year. Parents are more than welcome to give us ideas.

REMINDER!! Interactive Progress Reports - The pre-school has introduced interactive observations for each child in our pre-school using the EYFS software 2simple. This allows our staff to carry out observations in line with

the EYFS in more detail and accuracy to significantly increase the level of learning and progress of every child in the pre-school as well as the interaction between the pre-school and the parents in regards to your child's learning. This software enables the pre-school to send weekly reports of observations of your child's progress to parents. In order to receive these reports, **please** provide your e-mail address to your key worker. Once we have your e-mail address you will then receive an e-mail from *2simpletobuildaprofile* the link from this email has to be accepted in order for us to start sending you observation/reports on your child. Please see your **inbox** and **junk inbox** for your e-mail. For further information please ask our staff.

Weekly Reports - All Children should be receiving their reports every Fridays. If you have not received your reports please ask a member of staff.

Newsletters will also be sent to parents via email. For those that do not have an email address will get a copy from the pre-school. Newsletters will also be put on the pre-school website in the near future.

Dates for your diary -

Monday 27th January- Mums day

Wednesday 29th January- Dads day

Friday 30th January- Mums and Dads day

Collecting your child

Please could you remember the pre-school times for the morning children to be collected is 11:45am, afternoon times are 3:15pm. Please inform a member of staff if you are going to be late or if someone else will be picking up your child. For Children that attend pre-school for a full day, lunch club timings are as follows 11:45-12:15. Please provide your child with a healthy lunch.

Parents that wish to change their child's session please speak to the manager in advance.

Please could you remember to bring in a photo of the adults you have nominated to pick up your child.

Belongings

Can I please ask all parents to label their child's coats and bags. We have had incidents where coats and bags were going home with the wrong child. It will also prevent it from getting lost and will also make it easy for staff to recognise your child's belongings.

Late Collection

Any persons arriving late to pick up their child will be charged the late fee which is £1 a minute as there has been too may late pick-ups recently.

Lunch Club

We would like to inform all parents that lunch club is only available for children that will attend pre-school for a full day. If your child currently attends lunch club please speak to a member of staff.

Change of Clothes

Please can all parents remember to put a change of clothes in your child's back pack e.g. trousers, t-shirt, jumper, socks, underwear as we do a lot of messy and wet play at the pre-school and also for those that are potty training. Can all parents bring in a rain coat and a pair of wellington boots clearly labelled for your child. Outdoor play is a requirement of the EYFS framework and the pre-school will encourage outdoor play and activities in all weather conditions. It is important for children to get regular and frequent opportunities to enjoy the outdoor environment. Can I please ask parents to label their child's coats and bags from preventing it from getting lost.

Importance of Outdoor Play

The Early Years Foundation Stage Curriculum which became statutory in September 2008 places a strong emphasis on the importance and value of children's outdoor experiences. Being outdoors has a positive impact on children's sense of well-being and supports all aspects of their development. It allows children to have first-hand contact with weather, seasons and the natural world. It is important to note that

the outdoor environment offers children with the freedom to explore; use their senses and be physically active.

If you would like more information about the learning environment please refer to the (Early Years Foundation Stage (2008) Principles into Practice Card 3.3)

Sickness/illness

We would like to request parents to bring in a signed sick note when their child is unwell so we can keep a track of their absence due to illness in our registers.

Chicken Pox

Chicken pox is a contagious disease commonly seen in school-aged children. Symptoms usually appear 10 to 12 days after exposure (most commonly from 14 to 16 days after exposure). Symptoms to watch for include sudden onset of mild fever, feeling tired, and an itchy skin rash characterized by raised spots that contain fluid.

If your child develops any of these symptoms, please contact your doctor for appropriate treatment. You must keep your child at home until all lesions have crusted and the child has been approved by his or her health care provider for return to school.

Head-Lice

We have been informed that there is a case of head lice going around. Therefore we would like to ask parents to check and provide appropriate treatment in necessary. If

your child has head lice they are unable to attend pre-school till it has been treated completely.

Holidays

We will be closing for Half term on Monday 16th February till Friday 20th February, the children will return to pre-school Tuesday 24th February as normal.

Parents should try and keep holidays outside Pre-School term dates. This will ensure that your child receives their full pre-school education that they are entitled too and also ensures that children are not upset when they are away from their friends at the pre-school. However if you have booked holidays within term dates, please simply provide us with a letter telling us when you are going and when you will be coming back.

The term dates will be up on the pre-school notice board by the end of next week.

Contact Details

Can I also ask parents to inform the preschool immediately when contact details have been changed so we can put it in to our system in case of an emergency and we need to get in contact with you.

Themes & Focus Activities

Please feel free to see our daily planning on themes and focus activities. The daily/weekly planning is displayed on the notice board in the hall. Please feel free to ask our staff more information about the themes above.

We welcome our parents to contribute to themes and focus activities that we set in the pre-school. Please feel free to contribute with a theme or focus activity you think the pre-school could do and our staff will review it.

This month we will be focussing on seasons/weather

The children will be:

- Talking about the weather
- Water cycle will be introduced
- Evaporation
- Dissolving salt/sugar
- Melting ice
- Freezing

The Children will also learn **Key Words** such as hot, cold, ice, water, snow, rain, freeze and wind.

They will participate in making a weather board and collecting leaves and discussing the colours of the leaves.

Stratford ELC Pre-School- Our Stratford pre-school is now open and successfully running. The pre-school is situated 5 minute walk from Westfield Shopping Centre. Please see below for the address:

ELC Pre School
Bryant Street Community Centre
Bryant Street
Stratford
E15 4RU
0208 555 5424

We are located next to the Stratford Police Station and have our own car park

Parents from our Walthamstow branch are more than welcome to visit and stay at our Stratford branch. We would welcome if you can pass our details to any parents who are looking for places in this area.

The Stratford Branch will also be running a after school club until 6pm mon-fri from January 2015. Parents from our Walthamstow branch are welcome to use our afterschool club.

Parents Suggestions & Comments

The pre-school would welcome any suggestions or comments parents have in all aspects of the pre-school. You can make your suggestions or comments known in the following ways:

- Speak to our staff
- Suggestion box in our reception area
- Suggestion book in our reception area
- E-mail your suggestions or comments to our e-mail address elcpreschool@yahoo.co.uk
- Phone us on the following numbers
 - 07572504852 - Director
 - 0207 041 9934 - Landline Number for the Pre-School
 - 07432289005 - Pre School Manager

Remember this is your pre-school and we will ensure that the pre-school continues to provide the highest childcare provision possible. We are continuously evaluating our processes and refreshing our resources to ensure we continue to improve all the time. We really appreciate your recommendations and we welcome any suggestions or recommendations that you may have, no matter how big or small as our goal is to give your child the best pre-school education and experience they could possibly get.

Thank you
ECL Pre School