

Newsletter: Summer Term 1, May 2022

A very warm welcome to all the new children and families who have joined us this term. Of course for all our families who have returned after the Easter break we hope you all had a happy holiday.

**Children's Learning**

Our children have been involved in a range of learning experiences since the beginning of this term, including learning to complete long jumps and measure the distance they have travelled as well as throwing and catching. We have also had a number of children learning to understand the life cycle of chicks as well as how to care for living things. Lastly we have also been learning how to sculpt with clay.





## Parent workshops

We have run two workshops so far this term. Workshops have focused on the following:

### Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> April (Going to Primary School)

supporting families in knowing what to do once they have been informed about a primary school for their child. Please note all children who will be four years of age by the 31<sup>st</sup> August 2022 should have applied for a primary school place. If for any reason you have not applied for a school place please contact the admission's department, details for Hackney is: 020 8820 7000 email [admissions@hackney.gov.uk](mailto:admissions@hackney.gov.uk)

Please remember if your child is going to primary school in September 2022, please let us know the school your child will be attending. This is important in terms of sharing information about your child's learning with their next school.

### Friday 29<sup>th</sup> April (Race and Identity)

We had a very engaging discussion with families regarding race and identity. Our thanks for all the families who attended. We sent out a questionnaire to all families and if possible please return all questionnaires by Friday 13<sup>th</sup> May. Many thanks. Families requested a follow up workshop which will take place on **Friday 20<sup>th</sup> May @ 9am**. A zoom invite will go out to all families in due course

### Friday 13<sup>th</sup> May Parent engagement for families with children with special educational needs

We are holding workshops to support our families who have children with special educational needs. The workshops are being developed in partnership with our parents and lead staff member Donna Davis. The next session is on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> May @ 9am.

Fussy Eating workshop for parents, Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> May, 9:45-11:45am at the children's centre. Unfortunately there is no crèche available so only for parents. If you would like to attend please contact the children's centre on: [childrenscentre@wentworth.hackney.sch.uk](mailto:childrenscentre@wentworth.hackney.sch.uk).

## Training

This term our staff have been involved in training relating to the following areas:

- Race and identity

- Safeguarding
- Enhancing children's vocabulary
- Equality policy and implementation

Wentworth continues to work with a number of schools in Hackney in developing effective early years practice.

## Scarlet fever and Chicken Pox

We have recently had three cases of Scarlet fever and two cases of Chicken pox. Below we have provided some information on this area for you.

### Scarlet fever

**Symptoms of scarlet fever.** Symptoms include a rash, a sore throat, flushed cheeks and swollen tongue. This is a highly contagious and notifiable disease in England and Wales; it is spread by close contact with someone carrying the bacteria and takes around 2 to 5 days to develop symptoms after exposure to these bacteria. If you have any concerns about this please see your GP.

**How is scarlet fever spread.** Scarlet fever is spread via the mucus and saliva of infected people. People of all ages can catch scarlet fever, but the disease is much less common in adults.

### How long should my child stay at home?

Twenty-four hours after they started taking anti biotics or longer if directed by your GP

### How to stop the spread of Scarlet fever.

- regularly wash hands with soap and water
- avoid sharing eating utensils with an infected person
- wash, or dispose of, handkerchiefs and tissues contaminated by an infected person
- when coughing or sneezing use a tissue or sneeze into your elbow and dispose of any used tissues and wash hands afterwards.

### Chickenpox

Chickenpox is an acute, infectious disease caused by the varicella-zoster virus (VZV) and is most commonly seen in children under 10 years old. This infection has a sudden onset with fever, runny nose, cough and a generalised rash. Some children have only a few spots, but other children can have spots that cover their entire body. In most children, the blisters crust up and fall off naturally within one to 2 weeks. This virus can also cause shingles (herpes

zoster) which tends to be more common in adults. The disease can be more serious in adults, particularly pregnant women and those with a weakened immune system.

### How to reduce the spread of Chickenpox

- regularly wash hands with soap and water
- when coughing or sneezing use a tissue or sneeze into your elbow and dispose of any used tissues and wash hands afterwards.

### How long should I keep my child at home?

At least five days from the onset of the rash and until all blisters have crusted over or longer if directed by your GP/

**If you have any concerns about your health or the health of your child in relation to the above or any other issues we recommend you see a health professional**

### Sun cream

As the weather is increasingly becoming hotter, the school will be applying a hypoallergenic sun cream to all children. If you wish to provide your own sun cream please bring in an appropriate sun cream with your child's name clearly marked and see your child's keyworker. You only need to bring in a sun cream for all full time children, children staying mornings or afternoons we are asking parents/carers to apply the sun cream before their child comes to school.



The school will be celebrating and learning about the Queen's platinum jubilee culminating with a party on **Friday 8<sup>th</sup> July at 3.30pm -4.30pm**. We are keen to have parents/carers involved. We will be contacting families nearer this date to hear your ideas and support in making this a wonderful celebration for our children.

### Covid update

In light of the reducing cases of Covid in England, the school will no longer be requiring parents/carers and visitors to be wearing face masks **from Monday 6<sup>th</sup> June**. Ventilation and regular hand washing will continue to be key strategies within the school and children's centre.

## Extended Day provision

Our extended day provision is available for all full time children aged three to five years of age. The provision includes the following:

- Breakfast provision from 8am to 8.30am at a charge of £5.00
- Tea provision from 3.30pm to 6pm at a charge of £25.00 per session.

If you would like to book a place for your child, please see the school office.

## Holiday play scheme

The holiday play scheme will run from Monday 30<sup>th</sup> May to Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> June at the Children's Centre. If you would like to book a place for your child please contact the children's centre: [childrenscentre@wentworth.hackney.sch.uk](mailto:childrenscentre@wentworth.hackney.sch.uk). Fees for the holiday play scheme are £30 per session (8.30-3.30pm) and £20 per child for families earning less than £20K per year.

## A few reminders:

### Dropping off and collecting your child

Please ensure you drop your child off for school in the morning no later than 8.45am. If you are later than this time, please enter at the front of the school. Collection of all children in the morning is at 11.25am.

For those families coming in the afternoon, all children should be in school by 12.30pm. All children in the afternoon should be collected by 3.30pm. If you are running late or your child is not well and unable to come to school please contact the school to inform us: 0208 985 3491 option 1.

### Address and phone numbers

Please let us know if your address or contact numbers have changed. It is important we are able to contact you or your nominated emergency contacts should an occasion arise.

### Tapestry

All children have a tapestry account where you can see your child's learning. If you have any questions about this please see your child's keyworker.

## Dates

- Half term: Monday 30<sup>th</sup> May to Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2022
- Last day of tea club will be Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> July.
- Last day of breakfast club will be Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> July.
- Last day of term: Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2022 @ 11.30am

Children return to school on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2022.