

**A warm welcome to all our new children and families! We look forward to working in partnership with you and do anything we can to help.**

Dear all,

It has been a wonderful half term at Edith Kerrison. The children have settled in so well!

Our staff are always happy to talk to you about your child. Please speak to your child's key person or room leader if you have any queries.

If you would like further support do ask to speak to me as Headteacher.

If you have any concerns about your child and additional support they may need, please speak to our Special Educational Needs Co-ordinator, Emilie Johansson.

We would like to welcome Barbara Willson, Senior Teacher of Blue Room and Ariza Hoque Senior Early Year's Educator for SEND to our Edith Kerrison team.

Jo Aylett  
Headteacher



### SEASONAL NEWSLETTER

*Together we play, talk, listen and learn*

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### UP AND COMING EVENTS

**Nursery Rhyme Week Monday**  
21<sup>st</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup> October 2024

**Half Term holiday**  
28<sup>th</sup> October to 1<sup>st</sup> November 2024

**Bonfire and hot chocolate around the fire**  
Friday 8<sup>th</sup> November 2024

**SEND parent Forum with Speech and Language Therapist**  
Monday 11<sup>th</sup> November 2024

**School photographs**  
Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> November 2024

**Parents support meeting for reception**  
Monday 25<sup>th</sup> November 2024

**Christmas sing-a-long and Nativity**  
Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December 2024

**Christmas parties and Father Christmas**  
Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December 2024  
Sessions: 9 to 10.30 | 12.30 to 14.00

**Christmas holiday**  
Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December 2024

**Home visits and induction for new admissions**  
7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> January 2025

**All children return for the Spring Term**  
Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2025



## Help us to keep our children healthy

At Edith Kerrison we aim for children to be as healthy as possible. We know the damage that sweets and sugary drinks can do to children's teeth, causing the erosion of enamel that does such an important job protecting the teeth from decay and helps to keep smiles healthy and bright! Therefore, we do not allow sweets, juice, cakes, crisps, or biscuits on the premises.

### Attendance matters

Children who come to school every day learn more! Please ensure your child benefits from attending school everyday.

If your child's attendance is low we will be contacting you to discuss our concerns and look to ways to improve it.

Please remember it is important to let us know if your child has had an accident or injury at home or will not be in school because they are unwell. If we do not hear from you we can become very concerned about your child's safety.

### Keeping children safe

For advice, guidance and support on how you can keep your child safe please see the following links:

[www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe](http://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe)

[www.safehome.org/resources/child-safety](http://www.safehome.org/resources/child-safety)

[www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety](http://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety)

<https://rights4children.org.uk/feeling-safe>

### Mobile phone

Remember please no mobile phones to be used in the garden or in the rooms with the children. This is a safeguarding requirement - we want to keep everyone at Edith Kerrison safe.

If you are staying to settle your child you are most welcome to bring in a book or magazine to read.

### Nursery school opening and closing times by the Park

Morning session

8.40 am - 11.40 am

Gates open

8.40 - 8.50 and 11.35 - 11.45 am

30 hours

6 hours daily to be arranged

### Primary School Applications

It's hard to believe as time moves so quickly that some of our children will be moving on to Primary School next September.

If your child is due to start reception in September, do make sure you begin the application process. We have distributed the Primary School Booklet. You can apply online at:

<https://www.eadmissions.org.uk>

Remember - your chances of getting your preference are better if you apply by the national closing date, 15th January 2025. The national offer day is 16th April 2025.

Please come along to Emilie's meeting or pop into the Children's Centre if you would like any further support with the application process.

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## Outside play

We have enjoyed a variety of weather this term. Please dress your child to match the weather: warm coats, hats and gloves for the cold weather and raincoats and wellington boots for rainy days. Please make sure your child is wearing closed toed shoes with good grip to support and protect their feet when climbing and running in the garden.

We are lucky enough to have beautiful garden spaces and spend much of our time outdoors in all weather. The children bring much joy to the outdoors come rain or shine. We see our gardens as other classrooms providing rich learning opportunities and we know spending time outdoors really supports children's well-being, health and education. Our curriculum for nature enhances our outdoor learning experiences.

### Inclusive setting

We are an inclusive setting working with all children at all stages of development. We build on children's achievements and plan next steps based on what children can do, moving all children forward in their learning and development.

We have been awarded Inclusive School Status by the Inclusion Quality Mark in recognition of our excellent, high quality inclusive practice.



### Prams/buggies and scooters

Please leave prams, buggies and scooters under the shelter whilst you take your child into the garden. A member of staff is always on the gate and happy to look after younger siblings in their prams whilst you help your child to register. Only scooters and children's bikes may be left under the shelter during the session. Please take prams and buggies home as we have very limited space.

### Website

Please do visit our website to find out about all the learning opportunities your child has taken part in this term. You can also find out lots of information about our curriculum and core book approach.

[www.edithkerrison.newham.sch.uk](http://www.edithkerrison.newham.sch.uk)

### Library

Please make sure your child brings their book bag to the nursery every day to choose a book to share at home. Please encourage your child to choose a book. Do not worry if your child chooses the same book over and over again, it is good to have favourites and be familiar with a story! Please help your child to look after library books. If a book becomes damaged, we will ask for a small contribution towards a new one.

### Festivals and Celebrations

We will be marking all our religious festivals and celebrations through cooking, art work, displays and books, reading stories, and looking at pictures.

#### Diwali

Thursday 31st October 2024

#### Guru Nanak's Birthday

Friday 15th November 2024

#### Christmas

Wednesday 25th December 2024

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