

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you have all had an enjoyable autumn term; it has been busy as always with many exciting events and experiences for our children.

I was extremely pleased to see so many parents and carers attending our Christmas Nativity production; I am confident you will have found it as endearing as I did! I would like to share my congratulations to the children and also express my appreciation to all of the practitioners at Acacia Nursery for their hard work throughout the term, especially in their preparations for the production.

I would like to take this opportunity to remind you all of the importance of regular attendance. Although nursery education is not statutory it is evident that regular attendance supports progress for children. Time keeping is also important, with vital learning opportunities missed when children arrive late to sessions. Please continue to support your children to achieve to their full potential.

I wish you all a restful and fun filled Christmas Break!

Kind regards,  
David Livie (Head of School)

## Diary Dates

For our full list of diary dates please see the calendar on the school website.

### **Key Dates:**

Monday 7<sup>th</sup> January and Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> January –  
Nursery closed for children (Staff Inset Day)

Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> January – Nursery open for the  
Spring Term

## Safeguarding Updates

Safeguarding underpins all that we do, and with Leytonstone being a diverse community that we are truly proud to be part of; it is prudent that residents of Leytonstone and our school community are familiar with the Prevent Strategy which works towards raising awareness of the threat of terrorism in the UK.

Radicalisation isn't a religious issue: it's about a state of mind and is a consequence of social inequality.

What are the signs of someone at risk of radicalisation?

- Being overly secretive about their online viewing.
- Becoming more argumentative or domineering in their viewpoints.
- Questioning their faith or identity.
- Social isolation – losing interest in activities they used to enjoy, distancing themselves from friends and family.
- Altered appearance

If someone is exhibiting one, or more, of these signs, the first step would be to talk to them; be calm and open so that you encourage them to share their ideas with you.

If you have any questions or queries, please do get in touch with a member of the nursery leadership team.

## Nursery Attendance

Group	WB: 26/11/18	WB: 03/12/18	WB: 10/12/18	WB: 17/12/18
2 am	43%	91%	97%	96%
2 pm	91%	94%	87%	81%
2 full time	72%	78%	92%	67%
3 am	89%	90%	89%	90%
3 pm	77%	86%	87%	89%
3 full time	82%	89%	91%	89%

## This Month in Nursery

Children have been learning all about the Gruffalo! We even went to the forest and picked some leaves and other natural found objects that we used as maths resources.



Other children made and decorated lovely biscuits that were rather good looking and delicious!



The fire engine came to the nursery and we all had a go with the hose!  
What an amazing experience!



## Parent View

Parent View is an online questionnaire that allows parents and carers to give their views about their child's school at any time.

At Acacia Nursery School we would like to encourage all parents to take part in this questionnaire.

The questionnaire can be accessed directly from the Parent View site at <https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk> or from the home page of Ofsted website at [www.gov.uk/ofsted](http://www.gov.uk/ofsted).

By sharing your views, you'll be helping your child's school to improve.



## Leytonstone Library

Anybody who lives, works or studies in Waltham Forest is entitled to a **FREE** Waltham Forest library card. There is no age limit to a library card and we encourage you to join each member of your family to the library so that they can start enjoying all the free resources on offer; and that includes the Babies, who love looking at books and being read to.

You can borrow up to 15 Books at one time for up to 3 weeks! Go and sign up now!

