

Happy 2020! We wish all our children and their families a happy and healthy New Year and hope you had a wonderful festive break. We were very proud of all our Whizz Kids who took part in the Annual Nativity performance, they were amazing! Congratulations go to those who were lucky to win some of our festive prizes in our raffle, the funds of which, added to your kind refreshment donations, raised just over £100 for us to put towards some indoor resources for your children to enjoy.

A Warm Welcome to all our new children joining us this term. We hope you will soon be settled in to your keyperson groups and enjoy all the exciting activities that our Spring Term has to offer.

Our Parent Play and Stay day this half term is Monday 3rd February. If your child attends on a Monday, parents/carers are invited to join their child between 9.30 – 11.30 am to take part in the session, catch up on learning journeys or speak with their child's keyperson. These sessions work on rotation, so don't worry if your child does not do a Monday - every half term, a different day is selected. If you can pop in, it would be great to see you!

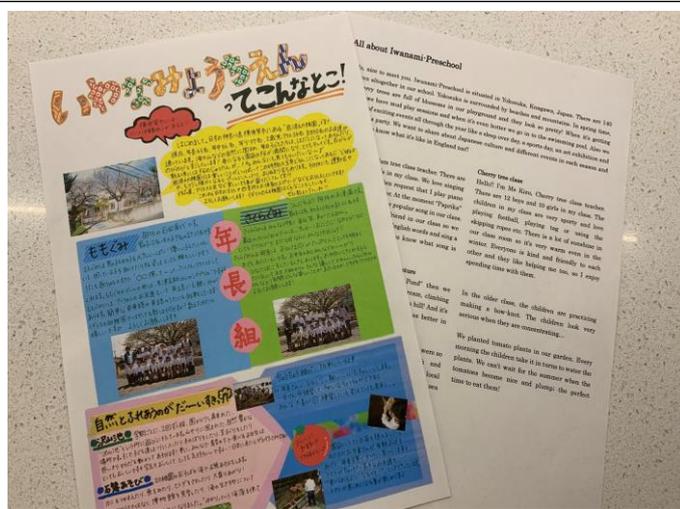
Staff News! In what was a very busy Autumn Term, Terina and Sara have successfully completed their Level 5 Qualification in Child and Young Persons Development.

Mrs. Hargrave has now completed her Level 2 childcare qualification and is a regular member of our bank staff team.

Ms. Moore, who is a qualified Level 3 practitioner, has also joined our bank staff team.

Our new website! We have updated our website www.whizzkidspre-school.co.uk so it has a fresh new look. This website will hold lots of information for parents/carers, including term dates, important diary dates with any additional information about each event, our current and past newsletters for reference and a news page, so we can keep everyone up to date on any articles of interest or parent information. Please have a look around the new website as we hope this will become the "place to go" for parents/carers for all things WhizzKids.

Inclement Weather If we have any severe weather over the coming months which may result in us closing for any sessions, this information will also be displayed on the home page of our website and on our Facebook page.



Iwanami-Preschool, Japan With the help of an ex-Whizz Kid's family, we have made contact with a pre-school in Japan! They have sent us a newsletter with lots of information about their pre-school, (kindly translated), for us to share with our children. We have responded by sending a similar "newsletter" all about Hockley and WhizzKids. We hope to form a "setting pen-pal" relationship with Iwanami Pre-school so our children can learn about other cultures and the wider world around us.

THIS TERM'S EVENTS!

Start of Spring Term	Mon 6 th January	Parent Play Date	Mon 3 th February
Half Term: (1weeks)	17 th – 21 st February	Wild Whizz Kids	20 th Jan/11 th Feb/4 th March/26 th March
Mother's Day	22 nd March	Walk to Bakers	April - TBC
Easter Spring Break	6 th April – 17 th April		
End of Spring Term	3 rd April	Beginning of Summer Term	20 th April

Fees/Hours

Although we still accept fees being paid weekly, monthly, half termly and termly, these will now be due at the **beginning** of each week/month/half term/term. Each fee letter details when payments are due and these dates should be adhered to. Late payments and/or payments in cash will incur a £6 admin charge. If you have any questions in respect of fees, please speak to Sara or Terina. Thank you.

To avoid any confusion or embarrassment, if your child attends any additional sessions/lunch clubs/afternoon clubs etc on a pay as you go basis, these payments **MUST** be paid on the day your child attends their extra hours, at the **start** of their session. **Unfortunately for the Spring Term, we are not able to swap funded sessions as we are near to full capacity on most days.** If you require an extra day/lunchclub/afternoon club etc., please speak to Sara/Terina as we will have to check our child/adult ratios and any notified absentees. Thank you.

A Couple of Reminders!

- If children have had sickness and diarrhoea, please leave at least 48 hours after the last symptom before returning to pre-school to help prevent the risk of infection to other children/staff.
- Please notify Whizz Kids as soon as possible if your child contracts chicken pox.
- For those children that attend our lunch club, please could you ensure that your child's lunchbox includes an ice pack, especially when containing dairy products. **Grapes** and **cherry tomatoes** continue to be a choking hazard for young children. If your child has **grapes** or **cherry tomatoes**, please can you ensure that they are cut in two, lengthways.
- We are a **NUT FREE ZONE**. Please ensure that your child does NOT have **peanut butter** in their packed lunch as nuts and derivatives of them, can have serious consequences for people with nut allergies. Thank you.



Your contributions are always welcome in this newsletter. Please let us know if there is anything you would like us to include or focus on.

Open Door Policy As always, please remember mums, dads and carers, you can discuss any concerns or issues with Sara/Terina or your child's keyperson at any time. Your child's Learning Journey and progress notes are also always available to look at or discuss and contribute to.

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