



The Limes Nursery and Children's Centre

Newsletter

December 2016

Winter Fayre



Thank you to everyone who came to our Winter Fayre and for all your donations. It was a real success and we raised £104.55. The money raised will be split between our school fund and the Julian Trust which provides support and shelter to homeless people in Bristol

Save State-Funded Nursery Schools

The government's consultation paper (Early Years Funding: changes to funding for 3 & 4 year olds 11/8/16) outlined proposals that will leave Nursery schools financially nonviable, forcing them to close. This funding will not cover basic costs, let alone staffing with qualified teachers.

Please take some time to read this open letter over on the TES website.

<https://www.tes.com/news/school-news/breaking-news/early-years-unions-urge-justine-greening-rethink-nursery-school>

State nursery schools have very good outcomes with regard to closing the achievement gap and supporting children with special needs. State nursery schools are legally required to employ highly-qualified teaching staff, who are proven to give young children the best opportunities for academic achievement and enabling social mobility.

An online petition requests the House of Commons to urge the government to recognise the school status of State nursery schools and fund them accordingly.

Please follow this link to sign the petition, and help protect the future of Nursery schools in the UK - <https://petition.parliament.uk/petitions/171052>



Story and Singing Sessions

We will be holding more story and singing sessions next term.
Dates to be confirmed

Tapestry Online

Thank you to all parents and carers who have contributed to their child's learning journals. If you would like some help adding photos or text from home please speak to your child's keyperson who will be able to help

Staffing

We are very happy to welcome Misbah to our team

Kathryn Kempster (our Deputy Head) will be retiring at Christmas. We will miss her greatly but wish her all the best for the future

Katie Cheyne will be acting deputy head from Christmas

Safeguarding



Just a reminder about mobile phone usage.
We ask that you do not use mobile phones
whilst on the premises.
Thank you for your co-operation



Admissions to Primary School

Parents will need to complete the online Admissions form by 15th January 2017
If you would like some support please speak to a member of the admin team
(<https://www.bristol.gov.uk/schools-learning-early-years/primary-admissions>)

Dates to Remember

- Tuesday 13th December 2016 - Christmas sing along at 11.05am
- Wednesday 14th December - Children's Christmas Dinner
- (only for children that have hot dinners)
- Thursday 15th December 2016 - Christmas sing along at 3 pm
- 16th December 2016 - End of Term
- Tuesday 3rd January 2017 - Nursery School and Children's Centre closed for staff inset day
- Wednesday 4th January 2017 - Start of term 3