

Shenley Fields Daycare and Nursery School

Spring Newsletter



FREE Full and Part Time Places

Spread the word to friends and family, we offer

FREE* Full and Part Time Places

for 2, 3 and 4 year olds**. We also offer paid for places for children from 3 months – 2 years of age**.

Register your interest now as spaces fill up fast!

You can collect a registration form from the front office or call (0121) 675 3065 for more information.

*Subject to providing evidence of meeting Local Authority criteria

**Dependant on start date requirement & priorities dictated by our Admissions Policy

CHILD SAFETY CONCERNS

Dear Mums, Dads and Carers

The access that leads to our entrance is a private road intended for the shopkeepers, householders and garage owners. They share our concern regarding the volume of traffic using this access at busy times, which has led to a number of 'near misses' between cars and children.

Our advice is that cars are parked on the surrounding roads.

Alternatively, if you live within walking distance, leave your car at home and encourage your children to get into the habit of walking.

A number of families do use the access road due to their personal circumstances with our knowledge and consent.

"We park at the shops then walk holding hands into nursery"



walk to school



"The children are sad because the cars are parked outside nursery and it is not safe"

"Children might get hurt"



We were thrilled to be visited recently by Sue Harrison, Executive Director for Education and Skills at Birmingham City Council, and delighted to be mentioned subsequently in her newsletter. "I... enjoyed a hugely inspirational visit to Shenley Fields Daycare and Nursery School in Northfield, where I met Headteacher, David Aldworth and his fabulous team of practitioners. It's obvious that the children enjoy the creative spaces and experiences that the school provides and are allowed to thrive in an environment that embraces diversity, challenge and change. Huge congratulations to David and team for providing such a happy, loving and safe environment for the children and their families, and of course the 'Outstanding' Ofsted judgement. Keep up the fantastic work!"



Our Curriculum and



Did you know that we use Tapestry to share lots of information with you about our curriculum and the learning opportunities and experiences on offer to your child?

This includes:

- Our planning for each area of continuous provision both indoors and outdoors.
- Observations and photos of the activities detailed in our planning in action.
- The core book we are focusing on, including the key vocabulary we will be teaching.
- The song/rhyme we are focusing on from our Shenley Rhyme Time and how these enhance our planning for phonics and maths.
- Our Makaton sign/s of the week
- Our rights respecting focus
- For children in Sunbeams (3-4's), we also include Early Years Picture News and Concept Cat, both of which include home learning opportunities.

Please activate your Tapestry account and log in to have a look. You can also add photos and share information about things you have done at home together.

If you have any difficulty activating your account or logging in, please let us know and we will problem solve to enable you to access your child's Tapestry journal.

Special Educational Needs or Disabilities (SEND)

Thank you to everyone who attended our first coffee morning. We thought this was a really successful morning. Here are some more dates for your diaries:

Are you a parent or carer of a child or young person with Special Educational Needs or Disabilities (SEND)?
 You are invited to our

SEND Coffee Morning

Thursday 22nd February 2024
9.15am – 11.00am
The Family Room
 (This session is for parents and/or carers only.)

- Meet other parents of children with SEND.
- Relax over a drink and biscuits and chat in a friendly, supportive environment.
- Find out about activities and support groups for your family
- Plan topics and ideas for future coffee mornings.



Would you like to find out more about developing your child's speech and language skills.?
 You are invited to our

Speech and Language Coffee Morning

Tuesday 5th March 9.15am
Thursday 7th March 9.15am
9.15am – 11.00am The Family Room

(This session is for parents and/or carers only.)

Please look out for the sign-up sheets in your child's provision.

- You will have an opportunity to meet Vicky and Emily, our Link Speech and Language therapists.
- They will explain the role of the Link Speech and Language therapists in nurseries and schools.
- Vicky and Emily will share some techniques and strategies to develop speech and communication skills for your child.



Attendance

“Being in school is important to your child’s achievement, wellbeing, and wider development. Evidence shows that the students with the highest attendance throughout their time in school gain the best GCSE and A Level results.” (DfE)

To recognise and celebrate good attendance, each half term, we will give attendance certificates to every child who has at least 90% attendance (appointments for children with medical needs and SEND will not impact on this.)

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★ Amazing Attendance Certificate ★

Congratulations to

For % attendance this half term

Well done!

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Date: ★

We would love to give as many of these out as possible each half term.

Library

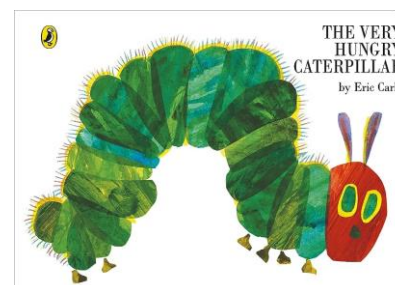
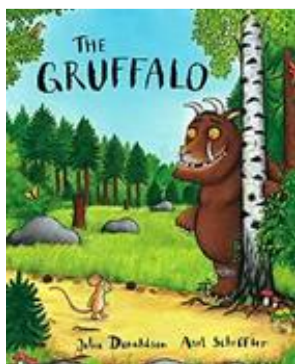
Have you been to visit our library yet?

It is a lovely space to spend time with your child, with a great range of books to share and enjoy together. Every child has their own book bag to take the book they have chosen home.

Our school library will be open every day from 8am-9.30am.

You can use the library to share books with your child or just choose one to take home and enjoy together.

Your child can change their library book as frequently as they would like to. Just bring your book back and choose a new one.



WE ARE A UNICEF GOLD RIGHTS RESPECTING SCHOOL



Children's rights are learned, understood and lived in this school.



We are very proud to be a Gold Rights Respecting School.

We had our reaccreditation visit on January 24th to check if we are still eligible to keep our Gold status. The assessor spent time with children and staff and engaged in activities during her visit. She also met with members of both our child and adult steering groups. We will know the outcome of this very soon so watch this space.....

We are reintroducing our coat exchange scheme. Shenley Fields coat exchange aims to encourage us to recycle and donate coats that children have outgrown rather than putting them in the bin. Please bring in your unwanted coats and if your child needs a coat, please take one free of charge from inside the main entrance. When you no longer need it or your child grows out of it, bring it back and swap it for another coat.



Thank you once again to everyone who donated so generously to our food bank collection. The Life House Centre in Selly Oak were overwhelmed with how much food we donated and the positive impact this had on local families in need of support, especially over the Christmas period.





Shenley Fields has taken part in this year's Big Garden Birdwatch. The children have really developed their knowledge and understanding of birds. They have

- Used binoculars and picture charts to observe and identify birds that visit our garden or fly overhead.
- Counted the birds they have seen to identify the most/least common.
- Engaged in research to find out what they like to eat and where they live.
- Made bird food to make sure they aren't hungry.

We are all delighted that we have been awarded a certificate to acknowledge our participation in the Big Garden Birdwatch.



Please Remember.....

Dear Parents/Carers,

Please can we ask that you do **not** bring the following foods to nursery:



Strawberries



Nuts



Eggs

There are children at nursery who could become very poorly if they have any contact with these foods.

Thank you

Labelling your Child's Belongings - Please name your child's belongings; especially coats, bags and lunch boxes. We have lots of coats and bags that are the same.

Spare Clothes - Please send your child to nursery with a set of spare clothes in their bag and return any borrowed items as soon as possible.

Early Collection - Please allow us to remind you that if you need to collect your child early from nursery this is strictly by **booking only**. Doing so early without prior arrangement causes disruption to the children's end of day routine. Thank you.

Collection Timings - It is very important that your child is collected on time at the end of their nursery session. Being collected late has a negative impact upon children's emotional wellbeing. Please note that there is a late fee of **£15** for every 10 minutes that you are late collecting your child.