



Nursery School News

Autumn 2019



Helen Currie, Executive Head Teacher

A note from Helen...

Welcome to our first combined FANS newsletter for Church Hill and Low Hall Nursery Schools. We are in the process of rebranding our federation to become the 'Forest Alliance of Nursery Schools' or FANS. Church Hill and Low Hall initially federated in 2015, with an executive head teacher and governing body across both schools. As time has passed we have employed staff that work across both sites to share practice and ensure that we are '*working together for all children*'. We share the same ethos, values and high standards and we are looking forward to working together even more closely. We have developed our working practices in our school development plan which you can find on our website.

Email

If you would like to email your child's Key Person, please ask them for their email address. Our emails are all: first.name.last.name@fans.waltham.sch.uk

International Day

We will be celebrating all of the amazing variety of cultures in our schools during our International Days. **Low Hall** we be celebrating on **Tuesday 19th of November** and **Church Hill** will celebrate on **Thursday 21st of November**. We will dance to a visiting steel band and wear clothes that are special to our cultures or families.

Fabulous News!

We have been lobbying the government to commit to funding maintained nursery schools for 2020 and they have committed to fund all 492 schools.

Attendance:

It is very important that your child attends nursery every day to ensure that they make good progress, settle in and become school ready. Helen will be writing to families this week who need to improve attendance. Please call the nursery if your child is off school. We have long waiting lists for places and families that would like to take up under used places.

Primary School

It is time for parents with children who were born before 31st August 2016 to visit any primary school you think you might want your child to go to in September 2020. You must apply for a place before 15th January 2020.

Our website, www.fans.waltham.sch.uk has the links you need to apply. If you need help or advice, please talk to Pat, Helen or your key person.

Label clothes

As the weather gets colder, more hats, gloves and thick coats come to school...and get lost. Please help us to reunite your child with their clothes by marking them with their name.

We provide wellington boots, or they can bring their own.

Internet safety

Keep our children safe on the internet can be a tricky business. Find some good tips here:

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/>

Polling Stations

Both Schools will be polling stations on Thursday 12th December and will be closed. If you are not registered to vote here's the link:

<https://www.gov.uk/register-to-vote> you must register to vote by November 26th 2019.

Dates for your diaries: Church Hill

Every Wednesday – Play and stay sessions

Every Friday – HENRY Speech and Language drop in

Thursday 21st November: International Day

Monday 9th December: Pantomime (pm)

Tuesday 10th December: SEND coffee morning
WF Parent forum

Thursday 12th December: Schools closed for polling

Thursday 19th December: Christmas parties

Friday 20th December: Last day of term

Monday 6th of January: Staff INSET

Tuesday 7th of January: Staff INSET

Wednesday 8th January: Children return to school



You can now follow us on twitter
@walthamstowNS (for both Low Hall and Church Hill Nursery Schools).



We are also on Instagram @walthamstow_ns
(We will not post pictures of children without consent!)

Our website is www.fans.waltham.sch.uk

Party food

We really appreciate any food donated for parties. Please remember any food that you kindly donate over the party season must be nut free, meat free and any sweets must be gelatine free.

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Every Tuesday – Play and stay sessions and yoga at Queen's Road Children and Family Centre (pm)

Every Friday – HENRY Speech and Language drop in at Church Hill Nursery School

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