

Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy New Year to all our Davies Lane families! I trust you had a good Christmas break with family and friends.

Spring term is always a busy term for us as although it is a shorter term, it still is filled with many great activities for our children. The trip letters for spring term have gone out – there are many opportunities for learning both with visitors coming to school and also trips further afield. Payment for trips is now due and we ask if you could please pay via parent pay to ensure that they do go ahead.

The Mayor of London put out an air quality alert on Friday 28th December – forecasting moderate air pollution. This means that the air pollution in London is forecast to go above "Low" on the Defra Daily Air Quality Index. The advice for a Moderate air pollution alert, based on Defra's national [Daily Air Quality Index](#), is for the general population to enjoy your usual outdoor activities. Adults and children with lung problems should consider reducing strenuous physical activity, particularly outdoors.

We advise parents not to drive their children to and from school as this exacerbates pollution in the school vicinity. Note that pollution levels are often higher inside cars even when the windows are shut. For those who continue to drive, we ask parents not to idle their engines in the school vicinity. For those walking and cycling, try to plan a route to and from school that sticks to side roads or goes through parks or other green areas. If you have questions concerning this pollution alert please contact airqualitylondon@london.gov.uk.

Have a restful week-end.

Regards
Bronwen Chalmers
Headteacher

Diary Dates

9 th January	Children return – 8:55am
17 th January	Book Fair Starts
17 th January	Davies Lane Maths Day
18 th January	Coffee Morning at 9am
24 th January	Art Day

Nursery Attendance

We will be monitoring your child's weekly attendance and reporting it each month. Please ensure that your child attends each session. If they are unwell, please contact the school office to let us know they will not be in.

Punctuality is key!

It is important that your child arrives promptly for each session. This will ensure that they settle with greater ease and feel part of the learning environment.

Reading Books and Homework



Your child will bring a reading book home with them each week. Please ensure that you read the book with your child and discuss the pictures that you see.

They will also bring regular homework home. This includes activities for parents and children to do at home and links closely to learning in the nursery.

How do nursery children learn best?

Children are born ready, able and eager to learn. They actively reach out to interact with other people, and in the world around them.

At Davies Lane, we believe that children learn best through experience and interaction and our daily activities are planned and set up to ensure that the children have the opportunity to explore and learn through play.

In planning and guiding children's activities, practitioners consider the different ways that children learn and reflect these in their practice. Our aim is to provide quality learning experiences for all the children; learning that is structured, balanced, relevant to the child and related to the real world.

During the day at nursery, your child will have the opportunity to engage in effective teaching and learning experiences by:

- **playing and exploring** – children will investigate and experience things, and 'have a go'
- **active learning** – have the chance to concentrate and keep on trying if they encounter difficulties, and enjoy achievements
- **creating and thinking critically** - children have and will develop their own ideas, make links between ideas, and develop strategies for doing things

Our Keyworkers

Miss Shakeel
Nursery Teacher



Miss Rose - Nursery Teacher



Miss Camacho – Three Year
Old Practitioner



Mrs Pam – Three Year Old
Practitioner



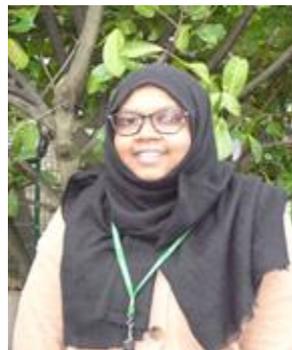
Miss Huda – Three Year Old
Practitioner



Betty – Two Year Old
Practitioner



Chahana – Two Year Old
Practitioner



Sharon – Two Year Old
Practitioner



Lost Property

Please ensure that your children's items of clothing and bags are clearly labelled. By putting a name on your child's property, we are able to ensure that items do not get lost.