



# Spring 2014 Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

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Thank you to everyone who attended parent's morning, yet again it proved to be a success; we had a lot of positive feedback.

*Fatima*



A BIG thank you to Raghuvanshi Sweet for all the delicious samosas donated for the Christmas Raffle!

And, another big thank you to Rhyden's dad, Patrick, for volunteering to do some handyman work for us.

The Annual General Meeting was held Thursday 30th January. The Manager, Fatima, reported excellent developments in the past year including a higher staff to child ratio, greater accommodation for diversity, and a fantastic staff dynamic, among other things. We've had a successful fundraising year and hope to continue that into the summer!

A big thank you to the outgoing committee members Juliet Hunt, Rachael Lowery and Afsaneh Sladen for their hardwork and dedication. We'd also like to wish a very warm welcome to all our new recruits: Liz Lee as Newsletter Editor and co-Vice Chair, Diana Hall as Secretary, Payal Nongbet as Banker, and Verity Tippen as Membership Secretary.

Full details and minutes of the meeting are available by e-mailing the S&D hotmail address.



We're very sorry to have to announce that our fantastic Deputy Manager, Anita, will be leaving Splash & Dash in early April to take up a full-time role at Willow Tree Primary School in Northolt.!

Anita has been with us for over a year, initially joining as a practitioner and soon afterwards being promoted to Deputy Manager. She has forged really strong relationships with the rest of the Splash & Dash team, and of course your children, and you as parents and carers.

While we're very sad to see her go, we wish her all of the best for the future.

Fatima and the committee have already started the process of recruiting a replacement and we will be in touch in early April to confirm how we will be managing the handover period.

We appreciate that it can be unsettling for you and your child(ren) when there are changes of this nature at the pre-school and so if you do have any questions or concerns do let Fatima or one of the other staff members know.

Put aside some time at home to reinforce what your child is learning at pre-school.



Three Little Pigs  
Spring  
Mother's Day

The Very Hungry Caterpillar  
My Body  
Father's Day

Goldilocks and the Three Bears  
Summer

\*Subject to additions and changes



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## LUNCH CLUB

Lunch club is not only an opportunity for an extra hour you may need for yourself, it is a fun way for children to forge friendships in smaller groups and do extra fun activities, like pizza making .... mmm! No need to book in advance—just bring a packed lunch and £5 for the session.



## SECOND HAND PRINTER REQUEST

Do you have a printer stashed in the corner somewhere, unused and unloved? Please consider donating it to Splash and Dash. An on-site printer would help us keep you informed with newsletters, parent letters as well as the essential pre-school admin.



# DON'T MISS

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## Bunny Bounce

Trampoline fun & spring time snacks during end of April sessions. Don't forget to ask everyone you know to sponsor your child's bounces for our spring fundraiser 24-20th April! Aim high! Let us know if you need extra forms.

## School Photo Day

Don't forget to dress in your best Thursday 8th May. If your child does not attend on Thursday, please arrange to book a time slot from 11:00 onwards. Siblings may also have their photos taken during this time.

## Drop-in Sessions

Don't forget we accept children for drop-in sessions with on-the-day payment, as long as we can still meet the required staff/child ratios. If you wish to take advantage of this on a day your child doesn't normally attend, like a fun party day, check with Fatima. £14.50 per session.

## May 22

Please note that there will be no sessions at Splash and Dash on Thursday 22 May due to the use of the main hall for elections.

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**5**

Parents Feedback Morning

**4**

Last day of Spring term

**5**

Bank holiday

**24**

First day of Summer term

Bunny Bounce Fundraiser begins

**8**

School Photo Day

**21**

Last day of 1st half of Summer term

**22**

No sessions—Election Day

**2**

First day of 2nd half of Summer term

**17**

Last day of Summer term

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# memories



**6 March 2014**

## **World Book Day**

We dressed up as our favourite characters and shared our favourite stories with our friends!



## **Chinese New Year Lion Dance!**





Hello! This page is for YOU!

We'd love to hear about your recipes, book reviews, fun activities for the kids, or any other tips and ideas you have to share with the Splash and Dash community. Write what you like and pass back to one of our staff members.

# AS A NON-PROFIT SCHOOL, YOUR HELP IS ESSENTIAL

We are still looking for a replacement for the Chair and Treasurer & always need fundraising help.

The current Chair & Treasurer's children are no longer at Splash and Dash and although they've enjoyed their roles, it's time to pass them on.

Please consider one of these roles:

## Chairperson

The Chair is the key point of contact with OFSTED and other relevant childcare organisations. You will work closely with Fatima, the staff, and the committee to ensure the pre-school runs smoothly and the policies and strategy for running the pre-school are up-to-date.

*Time commitment:*

*2 hours per week (mainly email), 1 meeting with the Manager & Council per term, 1 meeting with Manager per term & 1 committee meeting per term*

## Treasurer

Are you good with finances? The Treasurer manages the pre-schools finances—everything from making sure the staff are paid (very important!) to preparing simple annual accounts.

*Time commitment:*

- *Maintain and update the accounts (1 to 2 hours per fortnight)*
- *Process and pay staff (1 hour per month)*
- *Process monthly invoice payments, i.e. rent and ad-hoc expenses (1 to 2 hours a month)*
- *Send email responses to information requests (30 mins to 1 hour per week)*

## Fundraiser

Are you fun, sociable and creative? Enjoy organising parties? Then, this is the role for you. We need someone to plan and deliver fundraising events. This role can be shared among a number of people, including one-off fundraisers.