



Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome to all our families. I would like to take the opportunity to introduce myself. My ethos of every child succeeding as independent thinkers, learners and leaving Nursery prepared for later life is mirrored within the aims of Muriel Green Nursery and supported my decision to apply for the position for Headteacher. I have a strong belief that as your child's 1st educator and the chosen provider for your child we must work in partnership to best prepare the adults of the future. Fortunately I will be working alongside Karen until Christmas to ensure a smooth and effective transition to maintain the effective practice and systems that are currently in place.

I look forward to meeting you throughout your time with us and if you have any questions please don't hesitate to get in touch.

Gemma Williamson

We are delighted to be working together this term at Muriel Green and look forward to sharing the children's learning experiences with you. Please see later in this letter some events we have planned.

We are welcoming a number of new staff this term. Including Carina Rogers our new Day Care Manager and Naomi Walker-Smith our new Teacher in Sunshine Room both of whom many of you have now met. Sadly we have to say goodbye over the next few weeks to our wonderful summer staff including Fatima, Charlotte, Emma and Asma who are all returning to Uni! More information about staffing is given below for each room. We would also like to draw your attention to the section about breakfast at Muriel Green.

Best Wishes Karen Ashton and Gemma Williamson Headteachers

Staffing Day Care Manager: Carina Rogers Deputy Day Care Manager: Nuru Lyria

Lunch Club Assistants: Claire Depeza, Janet Moverly-Peers, Lynn Maguire, Emman Elhamri

Bank Staff : Alison Fayers, Charlotte Mitchell, Fatima Al-Ruqaibi, Asma Al-Ruqaibi, Beatta Kuk-Garcia

Handy Person: Peter Loader

Details about the rooms follow and we are delighted that all teams will be welcoming some additional staff over the next few weeks.

The Sunshine Room Team:

Welcome to Teacher: Naomi Walker -Smith and Practitioner Ann-Marie West

Other Practitioners are: Priscilla Amadis, Lara Ashton, Elliott Jermyn, Liz Leicester and Lynne Muir.

Rainbow WRAP and Ocean Room Teams:

Rainbow welcomes Sue Wells and Ellie Askew who will be working with Lead Practitioner Jess Hurst.

Ocean Room recently welcomed Hannah Gill, other Practitioners are: Tania Gomes, Josh Viner, Rupinder Kaur, Charlotte Ongley and Rahna Begum (currently on maternity leave).

Baby Room

Ekhlas Elhamri is Lead Practitioner working with Kimberley John and Feen Seymour. They are regularly joined by Marta Lopez Onate and Amanda Clarke (Bank)

Office Team

Office Manager Jan Honeybell and her team will answer your day to day queries, sell you uniform, sort out invoices and generally help you out.

Maureen Southwell: Receptionist, Jenny Loader: Office Administrator, Catherine Leigh: Finance Assistant

This term sees the start of the new 30 funded hours initiative. Many of our parents are using some or all of these hours and we are like you finding our way around the new systems and paperwork it has generated!

It is not now possible to apply for additional free hours for this term but if you think you are eligible and would like additional hours in January you can check your eligibility on the Childcare Choices website.



This website will also help with accessing tax free childcare that is available for children up to the age of 11.



Breakfast Arrangements

Thank you for working with us over the last week to trial a new breakfast arrangement. After much consideration it has been decided not to continue with the new arrangement this term.

From Monday next week we will be reverting to the original breakfast routines and all children will be signed in and have their breakfast in Ocean / Rainbow Rooms. Please remember breakfast is available from 7.45 and children should be finished by 8.30am.

For those families who have experienced the change this week we would welcome your feedback. Please email admin@murielgreen.herts.sch.uk



Reminders and Dates

Photographer: Tuesday 3rd October and Wednesday 4th October a Tempest Photographer will be here to photograph all the children, more details will be sent out shortly.

Sunshine Room

Harvest Festival: Tuesday 17th October 9.00 AM / Thursday 19th October 2.30 PM Parents welcome

Nativity: Tuesday 12th December 2.30 PM / Thursday 14th December 9.30 AM Parents Welcome

Christmas Party with entertainment: 19th December

St Albans Abbey: Details TBC

Half Term : Sunshine Room closed 23rd to 27th October

Tuesday 19th December Term Ends

Day Care

Daycare Christmas Sing Song: 19th December 5pm for all children and Parents

Christmas Entertainment 19th December the children will join with Sunshine Room for 'Mr Marvel'

Friday 22nd December Day Care ends for Christmas Break