

Governor Introductions

I am Beth Campbell and I am the named governor for Health, Safety & Well-being, my role is to help the nursery to keep the children and staff healthy, happy and safe. I am a parent governor, my oldest two children, 6 and 4, have attended the nursery and my youngest is about to start attending the toddler up family session. My children have really enjoyed their experiences at Filton Avenue and I would like to help ensure that other children get the same great start to their learning experience.



I am Dilly Baldwin, Chair of Governors at Filton Avenue Nursery School & Children's centre. All three of my children have been to Filton Avenue and I have been a governor here for 10 years. I started as a parent governor but as my children have left I am now a community governor. My role is: to organise the governing body; to represent the views of the community; to support the school and question the school about the work it does and ways it is trying to improve. I feel very attached to Filton Avenue and the role it has played in my children's education. I would like to see all our Filton Avenue children have the best possible start to their education, feel safe, be happy and have amazing experiences with us.

Beech & Willow

Forest News!

Our forest experience has begun and groups from Beech and Willow have been out to the forest on a Monday. So far, the experience is as exciting as ever and children are revelling in exploring the forest. On his visit, Jack discovered a tree that had fallen down and the leaves were beginning to die and he said 'we've found a seaweed tree!'. Frankie discovered lots of holes in the ground and wondered who lived there 'this is where rabbits live!' he said. The children very much lead the exploration of the forest and this can sometimes be in the form of lots of physical climbing, hiding, jumping from logs, listening to the sounds within the forest, building dens using resources available and going on a bear hunt through the mud. For many children the highlight is sharing hot chocolate and a biscuit in our circle of logs, talking about their time at the forest.

Progress Reviews

In both Beech and Willow, there is the opportunity to discuss your child with his/her Key person this term. These are very valuable meetings, where information can be shared, questions asked and we can celebrate your child's progress through sharing your child's learning diary with you. The meeting will only last for between 10-15 minutes. Please sign up with your child's Key person if you have not already done so.

Christmas Song Time

In both rooms the children are practicing Christmas songs to share with parents and carers. You are all invited to join our circle time at either 11.15am or 3.00pm on Wednesday 21st December 2012. Please come and hear the children singing; they are very excited to share what they have learned!!!!

Party Day - Thursday 22nd December!

On this, the last day of term both rooms will have morning and afternoon parties for the children, this will be part of their normal session, however, the children can dress up for this occasion. Party food will be provided for this event.



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Family Support

Hi everyone. We are coming up to that really 'busy' time of the year when Family Support groups hold PARTIES, and we hope our families do not get too STRESSED!!

Christmas Timetable:

Monday 5 December	Stay & Play Early Birds
Tuesday 6 December	Baby Clinic @1.30 pm
Wednesday 7 December	Stay & Play Party Understanding Children/Creche
Thursday 8 December	Childminder's Support Group Party Baby Massage Knowing Me, Knowing You Party
Friday 9 December	Toddle Up Party Baby Group Party Level 2 Course
Monday 12 December	Stay & Play Party Early Birds Party
Tuesday 13 December	Baby Clinic @ 1.30 pm
Wednesday 14 December	Saplings Party Understanding Children - Celebration/Creche
Thursday 15 December	No Groups
Friday 16 December	Closed for training
Monday 19 December	Open Stay & Play (Parents with Children Under 5 years)
Tuesday 20 December	Baby Clinic @ 1.30 pm



CHRISTMAS BREAK – Services resume on Tuesday 3 January 2012

Polite Notice – can parents only attend 1 'Party' please with their child.

Also, if any parents would like to be part of an exciting new project – Parents' Forum – please contact Joy Bray as soon as possible.

Learning and Teaching

You are invited to come and meet with your key person to talk about how your child is settling in and about ways that we can support them here with their learning and following their interests. We really value your contributions at these meetings as you know your child best and can help us provide the resources they need to help them make friends and learn new things. We are lucky to have wonderful language support staff here so can provide translations into Somali, Polish, Bengali, Urdu, Punjabi, Farci, Siraike and Arabic.

We really look forward to seeing you.



Dear Parents and Carers you are warmly invited to an Open Evening on Wednesday 7 December 2011 between 6pm and 7pm. This will be an opportunity for you to find out what your child does when they here, try out different activities for yourselves, meet other parents and talk with practitioners. It is really important for us that we listen to and understand your views about your and your child's experience at Filton Avenue. There will be spaces for you to share your perspective with us so that we can continue to provide a secure learning environment for your child.

Please come and we really look forward to seeing you on Wednesday.

A Message from the Head

Wishing everyone at Filton Avenue Nursery School and Children's Centres, parents, children, staff and Governors and all those we work with Season's Greetings and a Very Happy New Year!

REMINDER

Can I please remind **ALL** parents that the Car Park at the end of the drive **IS NOT TO BE USED BY PARENTS (WITH THE EXCEPTION OF BLUE BADGE HOLDERS) AT ANY TIME.**

Picking up and collecting is not permitted from this Car Park. Please park carefully on the road side.

