



POLKADOTS

PolkaDots Nursery@Cresswood Hall

NEWSLETTER



Graduation Day

Graduation Day is nearly here!!

We're looking forward to next Friday at PolkaDots when we'll invite all those children leaving for school at the end of term to take part in our Graduation Ceremony!



Our banners are here, and the gowns and mortar boards are made, all ready for Graduations to take place on Friday 7th July at the nursery.

We're inviting families to the graduation ceremony too, but we have space for only 2 adults for each child. So please choose which 2 adults you'd like to attend your child's graduation. We look forward to

July 2023

The summer holidays are just around the corner at the end of another year at PolkaDots. But before the end of term, we want to thank all our parents, carers and families for your support again this year. It's our families that help make PolkaDots such an enjoyable place for staff and children to be, and it's your support that helps us create the caring, learning environment that lets all our children thrive.

This year we've had fun raising money for great causes, enjoyed lots of exciting trips out in the local area, and had the chance to celebrate PolkaDots' first author with Bernie our manager treating us to a reading of her first book for World Book Day.

A quick reminder that if not paid already, all Extra Curriculum payments must be made by Friday 7th July. Thank you again to all our families for your support with the EC payments. They allow us to continue our Dance and Music classes as well as all our other extracurricular activities that the children love!

A quick mention too for the families of children leaving at the end of term—thank you for being with us and creating PolkaDots' special atmosphere. We know you'll all have a great time in September at your new schools, ready to make new friends and have lots of fun learning lots of new things.

But the term's not finished yet! We still have our annual celebrations to look forward to... the Teddy Bears' Picnic takes place on Wednesday 12th July, and there's graduation day too for those children leaving us to start school in September.

Wishing all our families a lovely summer holidays!

The PolkaDots Team!

Teddy Bear's Picnic

Last year, we had so much fun at PolkaDots Teddy Bear's Picnic that we've decided to do it again this year! Our PolkaDots children will be having lots of fun on Wednesday 12th July with their favourite teddies! Fingers crossed for dry weather.



Summer topics...

- Forests & Woodlands
- Travel & Transport



PolkaDots Nursery @ Cresswood Hall Staff Team

Head Teacher:

Kath O'Shea

Manager:

Bernadette Dawson

Deputy Manager & SENCO:

Karen Waller

Nursery Practitioners:

Fatma Barcag—*Third in charge*

Sam Reeves

Lucy Ronan

Anjuma Ahmed

Administrator:

Chris O'Shea

Nursery Opening Times:

Monday 9am – 3pm

Tuesday 9am – 3pm

Wednesday 9am – 3pm

Thursday 9am – 3pm

Friday 9am – 12pm

If you're **arriving late** in the morning or need to collect your child early then **please let a member of staff know** in advance. Thank you!

Nursery Mobile: 07528194109

Email: polkadotsathlone@gmail.com

Term Dates

Last day of Summer Term

Friday 14th July

Autumn 2023

Staff training day | **Mon 4th Sep**

Open Afternoon | **Tues 5th Sep**

Children return | **Wed 6th Sep**

Half-term holiday | **23-27th Oct**

Last day of term | **Wed 20th Dec**

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Camden Feedback

We'd like to share some lovely feedback we had from our Early Years Adviser at Camden

after her visit this term:

"The atmosphere was calm and relaxed. The staff were involved at child level and the children were observed talking freely and confidently to the adults about their ideas"

Our adviser also had a special mention for how much the children enjoyed this term's imaginative outdoor mud kitchen, with a special mention to our staff team for setting up and encouraging an environment for messy play.

Tapestry

Tapestry is one of PolkaDots' ways of staying in touch with families. We upload photos of the activities, games and learning our children get up to at the nursery so parents and carers can see them at home.

Parents and carers can access Tapestry via the Web or download it to any phone or tablet as an app. When

you log in, you'll see your updates with photos and observations of your child.

If you've had any problems with the app recently, make sure you have the latest version. This might mean deleting the app and installing it again. And if you can't find your log in details, send an email to Chris at polkadotsinformation@gmail.com or check with Bernie.



Instagram

PolkaDots is now on Instagram! We're sharing the fun activities that the children get up to at PolkaDots Nursery. We'll be sharing and reposting fun ideas for learning at home too that you can find at **polkadots_nursery**. And if you find us, please like and share to help the nursery be found by other families!

Autumn Term

Even though September is a long way off, we have dates for your diary for the Autumn Term...

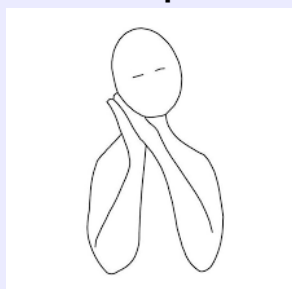
We'll be holding an **Open Morning on Tuesday 5th September**, so if you know anyone with little ones thinking about starting nursery soon, let them know.

After a staff training day on Monday 4th September, the **first day back for children will be Wednesday 6th September**.

The October half-term holidays will be Monday 23– 27th October and the last day of Autumn Term 2023 will be Wednesday 20th December.

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