



October 2019 Newsletter

WE WILL MISS YOU

Goodbye Miss Shaffique



Congratulations to Miss Shaffique who will be starting her new role as a Teacher at our sister school Highfield. We are very sad to inform parents that she will be leaving us after half term. She has been working at Gracelands Nursery since May 2015. She has been a huge asset to the School and will be missed by staff, children and their families alike. To ensure continuity for the children in her group an internal member of staff, who all the children are familiar with, will lead the group.



Get Ready for Winter Time

Parents— please bring warm clothing for the winter months. **Please bring a warm coat with a hood everyday.** Your child will also need a woolly hat and mittens or gloves for when it gets colder. We still need some children to bring in their wellington boots and a spare set of clothes. **REMEMBER TO LABEL ALL CLOTHING**



Car Safety

We have noticed lots of children coming in the car without a car seat. If you want some help or advice please ask at the school office.

Also please park away from the double yellow lines for the safety of the children. The local Police are monitoring this and will give fines.



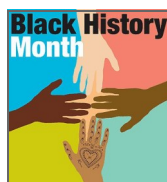
Providing New Experiences

For parents:

We have started our Friends of Gracelands coffee meetings on Wednesdays 9am. Everybody welcome, come and join us.

For the children:

We have been learning about different cultures and celebrations through music, dance and cooking this term.





As the seasons change and it gets darker sooner, please ensure your child can be safe and seen when walking around the local area.



Rights Respecting Schools

Our value of the month is 'Kindness'. This term the children have been meeting our mascots Rosie and Rafiki and learning about the right to eat healthy food, have clean water and be healthy (Article 24). You might like to explain or explore at home - The right to a family and a home (Articles 5 and 27).

Easy ways to get 5 portions of fruit and vegetables into your child's diet every day. It's as easy as 1,2,3,4,5!

- A small glass of 100% orange juice at breakfast (diluted 1 part juice to 10 parts water for kids under 5)
- A handful of raisins on top of breakfast cereal or mashed banana on toast
- Cucumber, pepper or carrot sticks with a dip at snack time
- Frozen peas and tinned sweetcorn with an evening meal
- Fruit and fromage frais



EU Nationals update

If you or your child are an EU National, you will need to apply to the EU Settlement Scheme in order to continue living in the UK after Brexit.

Click the link for more information. <https://www.gov.uk/eusettledstatus>

Children In Need 'Great Gracelands Bake Off' on 13th November 2019

- All entries must be handed into the school office between 8.45 am to 10am
- Star baker will be chosen for each category:
 - Big Bakes—sponges/showstoppers
 - Tray Bakes— brownies/flap jack
 - Cupcakes— chocolate, fudge, vanilla, be as creative as you can
- Cake sale from 11.30 am to 12.30 pm. All proceeds donated to Children In Need.

Applications for Reception Class 2020 are now open. Apply on line at:

<https://www.birmingham.gov.uk/schooladmissions>

Closing date for applications:
15th January 2020

Some important dates for your diary:

- 24th & 25th October— School closed for Staff Training
- 28th Oct—1st Nov—School closed for half term break
- 13th November—School Photos
- 21st November—:Parent Consultations
- 27th November—Library visit (Nursery 2)