



**Happy new year everyone! Welcome back for the start of the spring term, we hope you've all had a fun break and enjoyed this time with your loved ones.**



### **Super Saturday School starts again on Sat 15th January!**

We have a few spaces left, so if you're in  
**KS2** and want to join the fun,  
**come along on 15th Jan at 10am**  
(your parent will need to stay for a little  
while to fill your form in)

#### Start & End of the day arrangements Spring 2022

Gates open for soft start from 8.55 - 9.10am

Children will be greeted at their gates and hand  
sanitizer used before entering.

**Nursery** Nursery gate, open at 8:45am

**Reception** Peace garden gate

**Y1 & Y2** Main gate

**Y3 & Y4** MUGA/climbing frame gate

**Y5 & Y6** Office gate

Parents to all come through main gate to collect, one  
way route out.

**Nursery** Nursery gate - 3.30pm

**Reception, Y1 & Y2** Classroom doors - 3.15pm

**Y3, Y4 & Y5** Playground - 3.30pm

**Y6** Office gate - 3:30pm

Y4 Rosa Parks class were really excited to have their first rehearsal with Jen for the Shakespeare Schools Festival. Here, they are rehearsing for their performance of The Tempest.



#### Key dates for the Spring 2022 term

Christmas Holiday: Mon 20 Dec 2021 - Mon 3 Jan 2022

INSET (school closed): Tue 4 Jan 2022

**School open: Wed 5 Jan – Fri 11 Feb 2022**

Half term: Mon 14 Feb – Fri 18 Feb 2022

INSET (school closed): Mon 21 Feb 2022

**School open: Tue 22 Feb – Fri 1 Apr 2022**

Spring Holiday: Mon 4 Apr – Mon 18 Apr 2022

**School open: Tue 19 Apr – Fri 27 May 2022**



**FamiliesMatter**  
Tower Hamlets Parental Engagement Team



## Parent and Family Support Service



These discussion based virtual sessions provide a safe space for parents to come together, share their experiences and get reliable information.

### Platform to Talk- School Attendance

Regular school attendance gives children the best possible start in life and helps them reach their full potential. January's Platform to Talk will explore ways parents can encourage good attendance so that children don't miss out on valuable learning.

**Friday 14<sup>th</sup> January**  
**10am- 11am**  
**Delivered online through Zoom**

**Join Zoom Meeting**

**<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/86945592407?pwd=SDJlcmRseElhQjdxTmVVOHZlWjJUQT09>**

- **Meeting ID: 869 4559 2407**
- **Passcode: NNQZz4**

These sessions are delivered by the Parent and Family Support Service





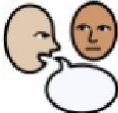



### Free Advice Sessions

Teachers from the Language, Literacy and Communication Team are running three sessions at SENDIASS, on Greatorex Street, Whitechapel, E1 5NP.

The sessions are **FREE**. Please come along. You can come to all of them, or just one.



	Date	Time	What is it about?
			
<b>Session 1</b>	Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> January 2022	10 am to 12 noon	How to help your child with reading 
<b>Session 2</b>	Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> January 2022	10 am to 12 noon	Language Development: How to support your child 
<b>Session 3</b>	Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup> February 2022	10 am to 12 noon	Using pictures and signs to help your child with communication 

Any questions contact: [janet.pritchard@towerhamlets.gov.uk](mailto:janet.pritchard@towerhamlets.gov.uk) or call  
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Preventing damp  
in your home



Understanding  
energy bills



Reducing energy  
costs

Empower You Too is a project helping people to be more energy efficient and save on energy costs in their home.

We train Energy Champions in Tower Hamlets, Newham, Hackney and the City to volunteer in their community and spread the knowledge they have learned about energy efficiency.

Empower You Too regularly runs free energy workshops and 1-2-1 sessions with people in the community – tailored to your individual needs, including:

- ♦ How to prevent damp & condensation
- ♦ How to reduce energy usage
- ♦ How to switch tariff/provider
- ♦ Understanding how heating controls work
- ♦ And much more!

If you are interested in finding out more or would like some free advice, please get in touch with Ruby, one of our project coordinators!



### 15 hours of free nursery places for 2 year olds

We are delighted to have the opportunity to expand our excellent early years provision to include free places for 2 year olds for qualifying families.

Some children may be entitled to 15 hours of free childcare from the term after their second birthday. Early learning for two-year-olds is only open to children that meet certain criteria such as coming from a low-income family, requiring additional needs or if they are currently looked after by the council.

If you have an older child who is currently at school and getting free school meals, younger children may be eligible for a free two-year-old place as well.

**To register your interest in a place for your child at Stebon, please visit:** [https://forms.towerhamlets.gov.uk/service/Early\\_learning\\_for\\_two\\_year\\_olds\\_application](https://forms.towerhamlets.gov.uk/service/Early_learning_for_two_year_olds_application)

You can check if you are eligible for the funding by completing the online application form, or get more information by calling the Tower Hamlets EL2 dedicated phone line 020 7364 1553. If your child is eligible, they can be added to our waiting list.

**Please note that places are limited and subject to availability.**

**15 hours free early learning** ready to play and learn at two

**Development for children**

- Learn through play
- Make new friends
- Build confidence

**Opportunities for parents**

- Gain free time
- Get into education or training
- Go back to work

**To find out more call 020 7364 6495 or contact your nearest Children's Centre.**  
**To apply visit [www.towerhamlets.gov.uk/earlylearning](http://www.towerhamlets.gov.uk/earlylearning)**

**How to apply**

- 1 Check eligibility**  
Visit your local children centre or contact the family information service on 020 7364 6495 to find out if you qualify.
- 2 Choose provider**  
Contact the Family Information Service on 020 7364 6495 to find out about your local early education provider or you can speak to your local early education provider yourself.
- 3 Complete application form**  
Pick up an application form from your local early education provider or children's centre and email the completed copy to [early.learning@towerhamlets.gov.uk](mailto:early.learning@towerhamlets.gov.uk)
- 4 Arrange start date**  
Your early education provider will contact you to agree a start date for your child.

**Your child can take up their free place from the term after they turn two**

**Turns two between 1 April – 31 August**  
**Start from September** (autumn term)

**Turns two between 1 September – 31 December**  
**Start from January** (spring term)

**Turns two between 1 January – 31 March**  
**Start from April** (summer term)

**Eligibility**  
**You can usually qualify if:**

- you are in receipt of Universal Credit.
- your child is under the care of the council.
- your child is in receipt of DLA.

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