

March 2024



## Early Years news, advice and guidance for Square Mile families and settings

### Hello...

Welcome to our monthly newsletter.

Our aim is to share regular local and national Information for families in the city.

If you would like to find out anything further on any items or like more advice or information, please contact the Family Information Service.

[EEYService@cityoflondon.gov.uk](mailto:EEYService@cityoflondon.gov.uk)

### Book Club Free books for children under 5!

Dolly Parton's Imagination Library is a book gifting programme devoted to inspiring a love of reading in children everywhere.

Enrolled children from birth to five can receive a high - quality books, sent via the post and best of all it is free of charge.

To register please click here:

<https://www.fis.cityoflondon.gov.uk/education-and-schools/early-years-0-5-education/dpil>



### Goodbye Theresa!



Theresa Shortland - Head of the Early Years and Education Service is retiring! On behalf of the Early Years team we would like to thank her. Over the years Theresa has made a massive contribution to improving services for the families and children who attend Early Years settings in the City of London. She also created our Coltale (City Of London Talks And Listens Enthusiastically) programme, and visualised our dragon puppet and the books that followed!



## Understanding children's behaviour workshop

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- understand children's behaviour
- look at the causes of challenging behaviour
- learn how to respond in ways that help



- **Tuesday 12th March 2024**
- **1.00 pm - 3.00 pm**
- **City Family Centre, St James Passage, Dukes Place, London EC3A 5DE**

For more information and to book your space, please contact Gill on [gillw@familylives.org.uk](mailto:gillw@familylives.org.uk) or call/text on **07702 954891**

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# Vaccine Confidence for Families

This session will provide you with an opportunity to talk to health specialists about the importance of vaccination.

Click on the link below to register.

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/vaccine-confidence-for-families-tickets-837521317807>



**Hackney**



## VACCINE CONFIDENCE FOR FAMILIES

City of London and Hackney

MARCH 18TH, 2024  
ONLINE 10.00 – 11.30AM

Childhood vaccination is highly effective in preventing the spread of serious diseases. It has saved millions of lives around the world and reduced childhood deaths from infectious diseases.

This webinar will be presented by public health specialists.

THIS SESSION WILL PROVIDE YOU WITH AN OPPORTUNITY TO ASK QUESTIONS AND LEARN MORE ABOUT THE IMPORTANCE OF VACCINATIONS.

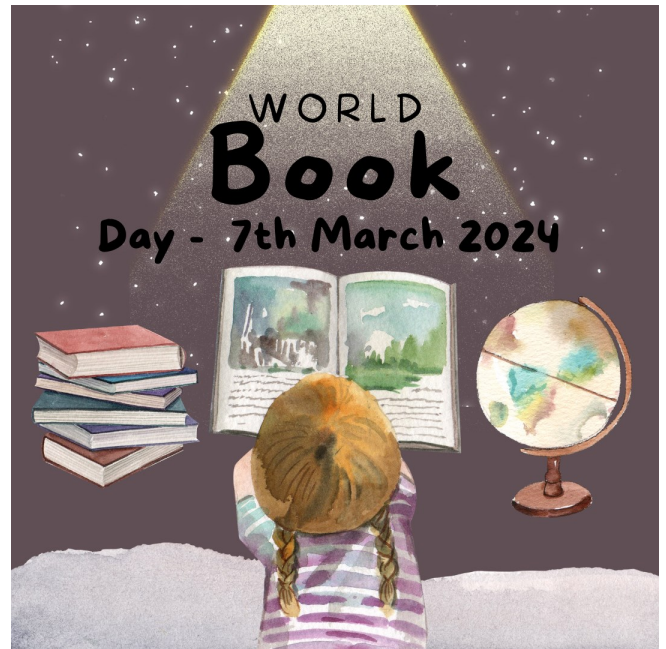


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# World Book Day

World Book Day was created by UNESCO on 23rd April 1995 as a worldwide celebration of books and reading. Click on the link to find activities and advice for sharing stories together as a family not just on World Book Day, but every day of the year.

<https://www.worldbookday.com/>



## Tips for Reading with Young Children

Babies love to put everything in their mouth. Board books, cloth books, and vinyl books work best for this age.

Make reading part of your daily routine. You might share a favourite book before nap or bedtime.

As your child develops language start asking questions like, "Can you find the cat?" Questioning encourages your child to interact with the text.

You will also start to notice that your child has a strong preference for certain books. Even though you may be tired of reading the same book 100s of times, your child is delighting in the comfort and familiarity that books bring!

## Parent Demand Survey

The City of London wants to hear parents' thoughts on childcare. This is important because of the government's recent announcement that more parents will be supported through an extension of the free childcare offers. The City of London wants to hear how this may affect the way you use childcare, as they need to make sure that there are enough places in early years settings to meet the demand. They would be extremely grateful if you could complete this short survey before 22nd March 2024.

Link here: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/COL24ParentalDemandSurvey>

If you have any questions about this survey, please do not hesitate to contact David from Place Group - who the City of London have commissioned to facilitate this survey. You can contact him at:

[david.noble@place-group.com](mailto:david.noble@place-group.com)

or telephone: 07711 518366.

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