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## 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.

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### Makaton

Talking does not just involve speaking. Watch someone talking, they will also be using gestures, facial expression, eye contact and body language. All this is communication. Makaton uses speech with signs (gestures) and symbols (pictures) to help people communicate. Would you like to learn some useful signs to use with your child?

As part of our Coltale programme (City of London Talks and Listens Enthusiastically) we post Makaton videos every Wednesday on our social media platforms. Follow us on Instagram, Facebook, Twitter or search [#ColtalesTopTips](#)

To find out more about Makaton, please visit their website by clicking [here](#).

### Spot Christmas Trees Across the City

See the City sparkle with spectacular lights and trees. Look underneath the Cheesegrater



Building to admire the giant real tree. There are wonderful changing coloured lights to see in Leadenhall Market. There's another great tree in the majestic Royal Exchange and of course the Lord Mayor's Tree outside Mansion House Street.



# Stay Well This Winter

## Five things the NHS recommends:

- Make sure you get your flu vaccination.
- Come forward for your COVID-19 booster when offered.
- Take advantage of financial schemes and discounts to help you pay for heating.
- Contact NHS 111 online or by phone if you are worried about any symptoms.
- Look out for other people who may need a bit of extra help over the winter.

[How to stay well in winter - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](https://www.nhs.uk)



## Coltale's New Book!

If your child attends an Early Years setting they will be bringing home a book called **"The Further Adventures of Coltale the Dragon"** this week. These are stories inspired by the children of the City of London. Well done everyone involved.



## Primary Admissions

If you have a child born between September 1st, 2018 and August 31st, 2019, they are due to start Primary School in September 2023.

The deadline date for application is January 15th, 2023.

For full information please click on the link below: <https://www.fis.cityoflondon.gov.uk/education-and-schools/school-admissions>

Contact the Family Information Service directly if you need any support.

**HAVE A FANTASTIC  
CHRISTMAS EVERYONE!**



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