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CHERTSEY NURSERY

NEWSLETTER



Dear parents,

Welcome to the first Newsletter of the school year for Chertsey Nursery School. It has been an absolute delight and pleasure to welcome you and your children into the Nursery. The team at Chertsey have been enjoying finding out about the new children and welcoming back our returners. They are all settling well into nursery life.

It is also great to see that the scaffolding is finally down from outside the building showing off the works which have been carried out to the outside of our building. There are still a number of projects continuing and once finished we will be sharing pictures with you.

Our Newsletters aim to give you important information about the Nursery and the experiences your children will have. I will aim to send out a Newsletter once a month, however we will continue to give you updates and other pieces of information via Teachers2Parents. Please take time to read, as there will be lots of useful information and reminders

Communication

If at any time you need to talk to your child's key person, or a member of staff, do let us know. However, please note, your child's key person may not be able to talk to you at drop off and pick up, as they are in ratios and with the children, but we can make arrangements for a mutually convenient time. Alternatively, email the office info@chertsey.surrey.sch.uk or call us on 01932 562225 and leave a message for the member of staff.

Don't forget to follow us on social media - Facebook, and Instagram - you can search for us @chertseyns.

Attendance

Attendance at school is really important and we will follow up on all absences. If you know your child will not be in for any reason, please call and let the office know dates of absence and reason. We will always ask the specific reason for absence, so that we can monitor any contagious or infectious illnesses that we need to let others know about. This is to safeguard everyone, so please do not be offended if we ask. We follow all guidance from the NHS, Department for Education and UKHSA (UK Health Security Agency) for incubation periods and illnesses.

"It is usually appropriate for parents and carers to send their children to school with mild respiratory illnesses. This would include general cold symptoms: a minor cough, runny nose or sore throat. However, children should not be sent to school if they have a temperature of 38°C or above".

We would encourage all parents to read the following guidance from the NHS; [NHS 'Is my child too ill for school?' guidance](#) (This can be found on our website).

It is also our policy not to allow children to attend nursery if they have been given Calpol, Ibuprofen or similar over the counter medicine as this could mask symptoms and temperatures. We can also only administer prescription medicines. You will need to complete a form in the office if your child needs to be given prescription medicine. We require children to remain off nursery following episodes of vomiting and diarrhoea for 48 hours to avoid the spread of any illnesses.



IMPORTANT REMINDERS

Bag & Spare clothes - please ensure your child has a change of clothes on their peg. We encourage your child to get messy and dirty at nursery and sometimes they need to be changed. Young children often have accidents and need to be changed. They are much more comfortable in their own clothes rather than our spare ones. Spare clothes should be in a rucksack type bag on your child's peg they should all be named. If your child is still in nappies, please bring enough of these and wipes for us to put in a named basket in the bathroom for your child. We will let you know when they run low. Please no plastic/carrier bags for health and safety reasons.

Jewellery - Ensure that your child is not wearing any jewellery, this includes earrings, necklaces, bracelets, etc. These can cause injury when the children are active and climbing outside. Please may I remind you that you have signed to say that you agree to remove items of jewellery within your admissions form.

Fruit – please bring a piece of fruit for the fruit bowl a couple of times a week. This is shared with the children at snack time. Please may I ask that you do not send in Mango or Kiwi as we have children who have allergies to these.

Dogs - we have a number of children who have fears of dogs as well as some who are allergic to dogs. For this reason, we do not allow dogs on the premises at any time, other than supported assistance dogs.

Mobile phones - please remember that no telephones can be used in or outside the classrooms at any time. This is to safeguard both children and parents. We will also not hand over children to parents at pick up times if they are talking on their telephones or messaging.

Change of address/telephone numbers - please keep us updated if you move house or contact numbers change. We need to be able to get hold of you in an emergency, so please do let us know if your details change, this includes email addresses, residential addresses and telephone numbers.

End of session times - there have been many occasions recently where parents and carers have been significantly late to collect their child without reason. Staff are either on breaks, allocated to do a lunch duty or attend meetings as soon as sessions end, therefore, late arrival at the end of sessions does have an impact on the smooth running of the school. If your child has previously been at a day care setting, you may not be used to this specific collection time, so please do make sure you know the end time for your child's session. It is also very distressing for your child if they feel they are the last one to be collected. Other settings charge a late collection fee which we currently do not, however, this may be a charge we need to enforce if this continues. Thank you in advance for your cooperation with this.

Tissues - We also kindly ask for a donation of a box of tissues to help supplies



Donations - all parents have been sent a link to School Money, which is our secure system for payments. Please note we are cashless. We ask for a £10 termly donation to the school to help with the cost of providing snacks, Woodland, resources for making play dough etc - this has been entered into every child's School Money account so do please check there and make the payment at the start of each term if you are able too.

Code of conduct - as a Surrey County Council Maintained School, we need to ensure that Chertsey Nursery School remains a safe place for children, staff and the community. Please note that abusive or threatening behaviour will not be tolerated, and this could result in such persons being barred from the site.



Communication about lunches - if your child stays for lunch with us, we will inform you about what your child has eaten if they have struggled, or not eaten much. Assume your child has eaten if you do not get any feedback. Due to the large numbers of children we have each day at pick up time, it is not possible to provide individual feedback, therefore, this will only be given if necessary. Our school meal provider - Zebedees provide a varied and healthy lunch menu. To view the current menu visit their website <https://zebedees.co.uk/our-food> and select the option for 'lunch menu'.

Fees - Due to the increased costs incurred on us by our suppliers and local authority staffing costs, our fees are reviewed annually and increased to ensure that we are covering our costs. A full breakdown of the fees for this academic year are on the <https://chertsey.surrey.sch.uk/admissions> have increased slightly if you were with us last year.

Parking - Please kindly do not park on the yellow zig zag lines outside of the Nursery. This is dangerous and interferes with the flow of traffic on the road. Please may I also remind you to be considerate for our neighbours, and not to block their driveways. There is plenty of parking for everyone, it may just mean you will have to park elsewhere and walk down.

Tapestry Accounts

If you have not done so already, do set up your Tapestry account. A secure link will have been sent to you using the email address you provided to us. Once a month some photos and observations will be added to this by your child's key person. This is a great way to see what your child is interested in at nursery and to spark up a conversation with them about their learning. If your child has come from a different early years setting, you may have been used to a different system or had more frequent updates. Our priority is our interactions and teaching with your child, hence our decision to send you monthly updates. If you have not yet accessed or set up your account, please do so. The email may have gone into your junk accounts, so do check there. It is wonderful to know that parents have seen the posts, so please do this by either commenting on the post or 'liking' it with the 'thumbs up'. Please feel free to add photos from home too! We love to see them.

Dates for your diary

Friday 25th October - INSET Day - Nursery Closed

Monday 28th - Friday 1st November - Half term, Chertsey Nursery School closed

Monday 11th - Friday 15th November - Nursery Rhyme Week - more information to follow

Friday 15th November - Children in Need - wear spots and bring a donation for the local foodbank - more information to follow.

Thursday 12th December - Christmas Jumper Day - all children (and staff) to wear Christmas Jumpers in aid of Save the Children.

Thursday 19th December – Pyjama Day - all children (and staff) to wear PJs for the day
Festive Parent and child 'stay & play' *

Friday 20th December - Festive Parent and child 'stay & play' session *save the date, exact timings to be clarified in November.

Monday 23rd December - Friday 3rd January 2025 - Christmas holidays, Chertsey Nursery School closed

Monday 6th January 2025 - First day of the spring term

Wednesday 15th January 2025 - School Admissions Application for September 2025

More dates and news can be found on our <https://chertsey.surrey.sch.uk/whats-on> or on our <https://www.facebook.com/chertseyyns> or Instagram @chertseyyns

We follow Surrey County Council term dates, to view these please visit the <https://www.surreycc.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/schools/term-dates#year2024>

INSET Days for 2024-25- Chertsey Nursery School closed:-

- Friday 25th October 2024
- Friday 14th February 2025
- Friday 20th June 2025

Last day of term in summer 2025:-

- Wednesday 16th July 2025