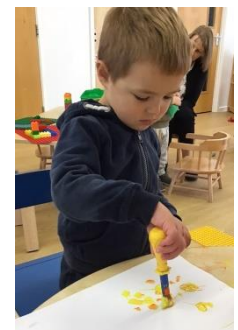


November 2022

Dear Parents

Firstly, I would like to say thank you to all our parents for using the new system of booking parent meetings, and coming back to face to face meetings. I know all of the key-people have really enjoyed getting to know you and share the achievements and successes that your child has made this term.

Term is rapidly going by and it will soon be Christmas! Over the last month we have been impressed with how the children have been developing in their skills from mark making, problem solving, ability to listen to their friends and take turns with one another to name a few. Early years education here at Chertsey is all about children acquiring vital skills allowing them to listen to others and share their own ideas. Children can make friends, learn to share, cooperate and become accountable for their actions, all within a safe and comfortable environment. See from the pictures below how your children are achieving and succeeding at these milestones.



A big thank you to our Governors for spending time with us in the nursery on Thursday last week. They were able to see the wonderful things that the children have the opportunity to experience, explore and learn.



Financial support - Surrey County Council have published their Cost of Living Directory of Support - if you would like to read more, please visit the SCC website for more information - [cost of living directory.pdf \(newsweaver.co.uk\)](https://www.surreycc.gov.uk/newsweaver/cof-living-dir)

FOOD BANK – if you need access to the Food bank, we can give you vouchers.

School Admissions

I know that a lot of you have been asking about when you need to apply for a Primary School place. If your child was born between **1 September 2018** and **31 August 2019**. The closing date for application is 15th January 2023. You can apply online through Surrey County Council website –

<https://www.surreycc.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/schools/admissions/primary-junior-and-infant/apply>

I know it is a very hard decision to make where to send your child but choosing a school is like buying a house – ‘it has to feel right for you as a family’.

Reminders

Bags

Please may children bring in their nursery bag on a Monday, then the bag will stay on your child's peg and be sent home on a Friday. In the bag please ensure it is stocked with the appropriate change of clothes for your child. It would be useful for these items to be **named**. If for any reason, they need changing at school, either from water/paint play, or other toileting accidents, we will send home these clothes in a small bag. Please replenish these items for us the following day. If your child is still in nappies, please bring enough of these 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

Please do not send your children in with earrings or bracelets. This is due to safety reasons, as it can cause injury when the children are active and climbing outside.

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

£5 termly voluntary contribution – thank you to those of you who have made your £5 termly contribution to the Nursery. If you are able to make a termly donation to support the ongoing costs of resources for your child, such as snacks, resources to make playdough, etc, please do so through School Money.

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.

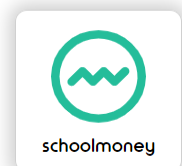
Illness and absence – this is a subject that is talked about frequently at the moment. We follow the UKPHA (UK Health Security Agency) guidance at all times with regards to all childhood illnesses, as well as the incubation periods for them.

Your child will get poorly; colds, runny noses, sore throats, sickness and diarrhoea are all viruses that children will develop that help them to build up their immunity and stay healthy. However, at the moment there has been an increase in cases of Hand Foot and Mouth disease plus increase in cases of Scarlet fever. These are inevitable where you have lots of children working together, therefore looking for signs, symptoms and temperatures continue to be vitally important.

We are continuing to refuse attendance in school if parents have given their child Calpol, or similar paracetamol based medicine (this can also be in cough medicines). This is because it can mask temperatures and other symptoms which we need to be able to observe so that we can restrict and control the spread of infections. We kindly ask that you support us with this.

SCHOOL Money

Please look out for emails or messages from School Monday in regards to finalising end of term lunch and session payments. If you have any problems or do not receive an email then please contact Debbie in the office.



Christmas!!

Can't believe it but Christmas is nearly here!! We have got a lot of exciting things happening towards the end of term and we would like to give you as much notice as possible.



Thursday 8th December 2022 – Christmas Jumper day

We would like for every child to wear a Christmas Jumper. For this we would like the children to bring in a food donation for the Salvation Army FoodBank. Items that are currently needed are – sponge puddings, squash, meatballs in cans, washing up liquid, cans of rice pudding, cans of fruit, washing powder, to name a few.

Thursday 15th December 2022 –

Wear your Pyjamas to Nursery Day.

Friday 16th December 2022 – Christmas Stay & Play with family singing.

We are looking forward for you to joining your child for the morning or afternoon to experience fun Christmas activities and a family sing a long at the end of the session, however it will not be a normal Nursery day as session times will be different.

We will be splitting the children that do 30 hours into two groups. One group will come to the party in the morning and the second group will come to the party in the afternoon. No lunch is being provided on this day.

MORE INFORMATION WILL BE COMING TO YOU SHORTLY.



Is your child eligible for 30 hour funded entitlement?

Working parents of 3 and 4 year olds may be eligible for an additional 15 hours per week if they are each working a minimum of 16 hours per week, equivalent to the national living wage up to a maximum of £100,000 per year. In a couple, both parents must be working/in a single parent household, the single parent must be working. For full details of eligibility please see the attached link -

<https://www.surreycc.gov.uk/people-and-community/families/childcare/paying/30-hours-funded-childcare-for-working-parents>

If you wish to apply or check your eligibility please use this link -

<https://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk/>

If you are eligible and wish to take full advantage of these extra 15 hours then please contact the office to check availability within the Nursery.

We have a Facebook and Instagram page – please follow, we are very close to meeting our target of 100 followers.



#chertseyns

Dates for your diary



Thursday 8th December – Christmas Jumper Day (for Save the Children)

Thursday 15th December – Wear your pyjamas to school day!

Friday 16th December – last day of term and Family 'Stay & Play' Christmas (Look out for other emails)

Monday 19th December to Monday 2nd January 2023 – Nursery closed for Christmas

Tuesday 3rd January – INSET DAY Nursery Closed

Wednesday 4th January – Term begins, Nursery Open

Monday 13th February to Friday 17th February – ½ term, Nursery closed

Monday 20th February – Nursery open as normal.

Friday 31st March – last day of term.

Monday 3rd April to Friday 14th April – Nursery closed for Easter holidays

Monday 17th April – Term begins - Nursery Open as normal

Monday 1st May - Early May bank holiday - Nursery closed

Monday 8th May - Bank holiday for the coronation of King Charles III - Nursery closed

Monday 29th May to Friday 2nd June – ½ term, Nursery closed

Friday 23rd June – INSET DAY Nursery Closed

Friday 21st July – INSET DAY Nursery Closed

** New Dates added*

(Dates are correct at time of publishing; they may be subject to change)

Amended: 28/11/2022