

September 2020

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.



Our Newsletters aim to give you important information about the Nursery and the experiences your children will have. Please take time to read, as there will be lots of useful information and reminders.



The children have been exploring the new playground equipment which we have been very fortunate to have due to our wonderful team of governors agreeing to the project. The children have used the garden area to get to know their new friends in the last of the summer sunshine.



You can see that the children are working cooperatively together, taking turns, sharing and discovering their new equipment!



Dropping off & Picking up

Thank you to all our parents for making sure that you are following the coloured arrows and waiting patiently for us to hand your child over to you at the end of the session.

Please may I remind you that: -

- **Everyone entering the building must use hand sanitiser on arrival and we ask that you clean your hands and also your child's.**
- Please make sure that you are waiting on the lines so that we can ensure social distancing.
- After children have been settled in Nursery, parents are asked to leave following the one way system in place.
- **End of session pick up** – in order to minimise contact, parents will not be entering the building to collect their child. Parents will be asked to wait at their allocated door and children will be brought out to you. You will then need to follow the 'one way' system to leave the premises. Please note, if you have a child/sibling with you please may you make sure that they stay with you and not play on the equipment. I know that it is very inviting for other children, however it does mean that due to the current situation we are in, we have to remove the item of equipment from use for cleaning to ensure we are following government guidelines.

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. 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. We will not be having bags travelling into and out of school each day to prevent contamination. 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.



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.

Mobile Phones

Mobile telephones – we do not allow the use of mobile phones anywhere in the building. This includes the entrance and corridors when waiting to collect your children. This is part of our safeguarding policy to protect ALL children. I ask Debbie and Lisa in the office not to allow any parents, carers or visitors to enter the building if on their telephones. Please therefore, do not be offended if any member of staff asks you to put it away. While you are settling your child, you may use your telephone in outside under the covered area.





Sadly, our school budget is getting smaller each year. The large majority of the budget that we are given by the local authority is spent on the wonderful staff at the Nursery. Therefore, we rely heavily on donations and fundraising to enable us to provide the opportunities your child is experiencing.



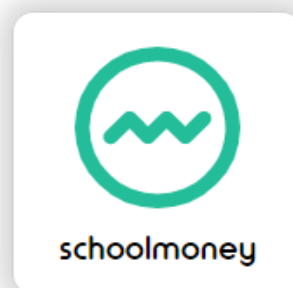
£5 termly voluntary contribution – thank you to those of you who have made your £5 termly contribution to the Nursery. This supports the costs of additional resources, experiences such as resources to make playdough, cooking, etc. If you have not done so yet, we would be very grateful if you could make a donation to us so we can continue to provide the very best for your child. You will be able to make this donation using School Money (Information provided below).

As we are still getting sunny weather please can you make sure –

- Suncream - we advise that parents apply suncream to their child at the start of their session, this will then be sufficient during their morning or afternoon session. We do not apply suncream to your child during a morning/afternoon session, therefore please do not bring it in. (This also applies to the 2s). If your child stays all day (in the Main / Green Class), then please provide us with a bottle of named suncream so that we can support your child to reapply this during the lunchtime period. 
- Sun glasses - please do not send your child with sunglasses to Nursery, unless they are prescription ones. Following advice last year from Surrey County Council, 'off the shelf' sunglasses are not safe for the children to wear outside when running and climbing as they are not fitted to heads/noses, and the lenses do not provide the adequate protection from the sun. The Local Authority recommends, therefore the use of a 'wide brimmed' or 'peaked' hat (for example a cap) as this will provide the protection they need.
- Sun hat – please can you send a in a hat for your child, which they can keep in their bags and ensure it is named. 
- Appropriate clothing - we do not advise that sleeveless tops or flimsy dresses are worn to Nursery, they are not suitable for running and climbing and do not provide protection from the sun. **We also do not allow children to wear open toe, backless shoes/sandals or crocs.**

SCHOOL Money

We have now transferred over to a cashless payment system called school money. You will receive an email from School Money asking you to register. Please may you register with this system, as all payments for extra sessions and school meals will be using SCHOOL MONEY. If you have any problems or do not receive an email then please contact Debbie in the office.



If you are new to us, you will have recently received an automated email from TAPESTRY, asking you to set up your account. We are using Tapestry to share photographs and observations of your child with you. This is a secure site, where you need a log in to be able to access the account. You can also download an app to access it more easily on your smartphone. If you have not yet received your email, or been unsuccessful in activating your account, please let your key person know as we can easily reset it.

Staff are using iPads/Android tablets to take images of your child. I can assure you these are Nursery owned devices, which do not leave the building. They are secure on our network. Although they may look like the staff are on phones and other devices, it would be a breach of their contract to do so. Your child's safety is paramount.

Dates for your diary

Friday 23rd October – Last Day of Term, normal finish times

Monday 26th October to Friday 30th October – ½ term, Nursery closed.

Monday 2nd & 3rd November – 3-5s Nursery Closed due to staff training
2's and Green Class are in Nursery, normal hours

Friday 11th December – Christmas Jumper Day (for Save the Children)

Friday 18th December – last day of term and pyjama day!

Monday 21st December to Friday 1st January 2021 – Nursery closed for Christmas

Monday 4th January – Nursery re opens

Monday 15th February to Friday 19th February – ½ term, Nursery closed

Monday 5th April to Friday 16th April – Nursery closed for Easter holidays

Monday 31st May to Friday 4th June – ½ term, Nursery closed

Friday 16th July – Family Picnic Day and last day of term

** New Dates added*

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



Amended: 23/09/20