

## Newsletter 1 – Friday 21<sup>st</sup> September 2018

Dear Parents & Carers,

Welcome to the first Newsletter for Chertsey Nursery School and Children's Centre for the year. It has been an absolute delight to see and meet all of our new joiners and returning children enter the Nursery. The children have been telling all the school adults what they have been up to during the summer and settling well into school life.

It gives me great pleasure to write to you as the new Head of School of Chertsey Nursery School and Children's Centre, and to welcome you to what I'm sure will be a very busy and exciting year ahead.



I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself and to share my thoughts on the way I believe we can work together. I have spent twenty-two years in the teaching profession. I'm joining Chertsey Nursery School and Children's Centre as its new Head of School, having spent the past eight years at Brookwood Primary School on the Senior Leadership Team and then as Deputy Head Teacher. Within my role I was the Early Years lead for the school and work alongside the Sure Start Children's Centre which was based on-site and the feeder Nursery Schools.

Another exciting aspect that has happened is that we now have an Executive Headteacher Donna Harwood-Duffy from Dorking Nursery School and Children's Centre. Donna works across both Chertsey and Dorking, bringing a wealth of expertise in early education to enable Chertsey to continue to develop and provide the very best.



As part of this, we have entered into an exciting partnership with Dorking Nursery School and Children's Centre who have been rated as outstanding in their last six Ofsted Inspections. This will be a positive venture for both Chertsey and Dorking in terms of our development, but also financial sustainability.

We welcome three new members of staff to our team this September. Debbie Ollason joins us as our Receptionist. You have all probably met Debbie as she is in the front office. She is your key link to ensuring that messages, questions and letters are given to the Nursery Team, as well as many other jobs.



We also have Caroline Lucas and Jennifer Devane who join the teaching team. Caroline will be based in the Green Room and Jennifer will be in the main class. All new members of the team come with wealth of knowledge and expertise and are very excited to be joining the Chertsey Nursery Family.



I am very excited to be here and I look forward to continuing the success of the Nursery and Children's Centre into 2019 and beyond. I look forward to working with you over the coming years. My door is always open and I look forward to meeting you soon.

Kind regard  
Anita Cheeseman



### Governing Body

We have two vacancies on the Governing Body for parents to join. As a maintained school we are led and managed by our Governing Body. Their role is to support, challenge and most importantly hold the leadership of the school to account. Although the role is voluntary and there is a time commitment involved, many who take up the role find it rewarding. If this is something you might be interested in, please do contact me.

### Mobile Phones

Mobile telephones – we do not allow the use of mobile phones anywhere in the centre 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 they ask you to put it away. While you are settling your child, you may use your telephone in the front office or out under the covered area.



### End of day pick up!

I know that some of you have to pick up children early due to getting older brothers and sisters from school. Please may I ask that you pick up your children at 2.45pm as it is becoming very disruptive for the children.



**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. Please do not send plastic carrier bags.

**Clothes** – we want your children to be as independent as possible. Please dress your child in loose comfortable clothes without buttons and zips. Elasticated waists such as leggings and joggers etc. Jeggins are not ideal as they are often a bit snug.

**Coats** – although we have had a mild September, your children could be outside for the majority of their nursery session and it can get chilly in the shade. Please can we ask you bring a coat/jacket to nursery each day for your child.



**Fruit** – please bring a piece of fruit for the fruit bowl a couple of times a week. This is shared with the children at snacktime.

**Tissues** – with the wintery months coming, we go through hundreds of tissues! Please can we ask that you donate a box of tissues to the nursery to keep us going.



**Parking** – Please may I remind you that the carpark for the Nursery is only for staff. We encourage you to park along the road outside the Nursery but please be respectful and courteous to our neighbours

**Voluntary Contribution** – In the past we have asked for a weekly £1 donation which is used for craft, cooking and extras. We have now decided that we would like to change this to a termly donation of £5. This can be given to Debbie in the front office. Thank you for your donations.

### **Dates for your Diary's**

Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> October – Coffee morning at 9am to meet Anita and Donna and again in the afternoon. (More details to follow)

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> October – Nursery Closed for Staff Training

Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> – Friday 26<sup>th</sup> October – Nursery Closed

Monday 29<sup>th</sup> October – Nursery re-opens

Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> December – Last day of Nursery before Christmas

Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> December – Friday 4<sup>th</sup> January – Nursery Closed for Christmas

Monday 7<sup>th</sup> January – Nursery re-opens