



## End of February beginning of March 2021

Dear Parents



Another month has gone by in a flash. The children have been exploring through sensory play. Research shows that **sensory play** builds nerve connections in the brain's pathways, which lead to the child's ability to complete more complex **learning** tasks. **Sensory play** supports language development, cognitive growth, fine and gross motor skills, problem solving skills, and social interaction.



### Events within Nursery –

**Book Week** – As you already know we are well into our Nursery book week with the children having the opportunity to explore lots of new books which provides new experiences in building greater vocabulary, improving communication with others and develop a lifetime love of books. We have seen this enjoyment from the children through them acting out the stories in and around garden plus the children have been making up new stories to share with their friends. Book week is continuing until Friday when the children will be coming home with surprise which the children will be able to share with you.

### Comic Relief – Friday 19<sup>th</sup> March

This year we have decided that instead of asking for money we would like it if you could donate some food for the Food Bank. At Christmas this was such a great success and we were able to donate lots of food for a great cause. Therefore we would like it if you could donate things like - cereal, tinned soup, pasta, rice, tinned tomatoes/ pasta sauce, lentils, beans and pulses, tinned meat or tinned vegetables.



The children will be able to dress in anything red or something silly, 'like wearing pants on your head!!'

## Termly Reminders

**Clothes** – Please may I remind you to make sure that clothes are named in order to prevent loss and confusion, as we have a few children with the same items of clothing. Please may I make a plea that if your child comes home with spare clothes from Nursery that they are returned. We currently have no trousers, please can you send these back as soon as possible.

**Voluntary Contribution** – Thank to those who have already sent in the termly donation of £5. Don't forget you can pay this via School Money. The donations go towards things like cooking and a wide range of malleable resources.



**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.

## Covid-19 reminders

Please may I remind you that when you are picking up and dropping off children you wear a face covering or visor unless you are exempt from doing so.



At drop off/pick up, please can you continue to follow the different coloured footsteps and wait on the lines to ensure that we are keeping to the 2m social distancing rule. Parents need to ensure that any children or siblings with you stand and wait with you and do not run around the playground as this could increase contacts.

Contacting the office – if you need to talk to the office, we advise you telephone 01932 562225 or email on [info@chertsey.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:info@chertsey.surrey.sch.uk). If for any reason you need to talk to a member of staff, please email or telephone the office to make an appointment.

Attendance – in order to prevent the spread of Covid-19, the following must be adhered to:-

- Anyone with symptoms must not enter the building and follow the current Public Health England guidance – please do not be offended if we ask you to come and collect your child if we suspect they are symptomatic and ask for you to get them tested. This is to protect all the children and staff in that bubble.
- You must inform the office immediately if your child is not attending and the reasons for absence so that any further spread of infection can be tracked and testing organised if appropriate.
- If we do not hear from you, we will contact you and ask for reasons for absence, this is part of our safeguarding procedures.
- Parents must inform us of any overseas holidays that are taking place, this is so that we can monitor the current Foreign Office guidelines with regards to isolation.
- At any time, if there is a positive case, all or part of the school may need to be closed, these decisions will be made through discussion with the Local Authority and Public Health England.

### **COVID 19 Asymptomatic testing of staff at Chertsey Nursery School**

You may be aware that the DfE and Government are rolling out a programme of home testing for staff in Maintained Schools in order to break the chain of transmission and support the fight against the Covid pandemic. We are supporting this testing programme and introducing twice weekly home testing to all the staff at Chertsey Nursery School.

### **Nursery Places**

Please let family, friends and neighbours know we still have a few places available in our Nursery, for the summer term plus it is not too early to register for September 2021. Chertsey Nursery School has vacancies for 2, 3 and 4 year olds. For further information please call 01932 562225 or email us on [info@chertsey.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:info@chertsey.surrey.sch.uk) to receive our virtual tour.

### **Dates for your diary**

**Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> – Friday 12<sup>th</sup>** – CNS Book week

**Friday 19<sup>th</sup> March** – Comic relief

**Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> April** – End of Spring Term

**Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> April to Friday 16<sup>th</sup> April** – Nursery closed for Easter holidays

**Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> May** – Bank Holiday, Nursery Closed

**Monday 31<sup>st</sup> May to Friday 4<sup>th</sup> June** – ½ term, Nursery closed

**Friday 25<sup>th</sup> June** – INSET Day, Nursery Closed

**Friday 16<sup>th</sup> 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)*



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