

February 2023

Dear Parents

The children have had a busy time since their return, cannot believe that we are already at half term. There has been lots of enthusiasm and excitement working together to create bird feeders, making mud pies and visiting Woodland. Through these activities the children have learned new communication and language skills by listening attentively and responding to what they have heard, the ability to ask relevant questions and comment and clarify their understanding of the job in hand.



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.



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.

Water bottles – We are no longer going to be asking you to bring in a water bottle. We are providing water stations for the children with jugs and cups, we are finding that the children are enjoying using the water stations and drinking more. The task of pouring out their own cup of water, helps children coordinate their hand movements with what they are seeing and feeling.

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.

Coming up events



Book Week – World Book day is coming up after half term, Monday 27th February – Friday 3rd March. During the week the children will be having even more opportunity to explore new books which will provide new experiences in building greater vocabulary, improving communication with others and develop a lifetime love of books.

Help your child love maths Learn how to support your children to develop positive attitudes towards maths.



As you may be aware, the school is working with the charity National Numeracy to encourage families to do maths together.

We know that maths can sometimes seem daunting, but engaging positively with children's learning can make a big difference to both children's and parents' confidence with numbers.

Therefore, we are inviting all parents/carers to a unique workshop run by National Numeracy which will be held at the school **on Monday 6th March at 9am – 10am.**

The workshop is not a maths lesson, nor does it teach any maths, but is focused on fostering positive attitudes towards numeracy and tips for ensuring your children develop these too.

The session will cover the importance of maths in the real world, being positive about maths, promoting a growth mindset and how to boost your own number skills as an adult.

We would be delighted to welcome you to the session.

Comic Relief – Friday 17th March

This year we have decided that instead of asking for money we would like it if you could donate some food for the Salvation Army 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!!'

Nursery Places

Please let family, friends and neighbours know we still have a few places available in our Nursery, plus it is not too early to register for September 2024.

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

We have a Facebook and Instagram page – please follow us.



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Dates for your diary



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

Monday 20th February – Nursery open as normal.

Monday 27th February to Friday 3rd March – World Book Week

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)

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