

January 2021



Dear Parents

I cannot believe that we are at the end of January, it has flashed by even though we have had a different start to the year than we had all hoped for.

The children have all returned to nursery happily this term and have settled well, as well as welcoming new children to the group. We have been having fun at Nursery by travelling to colder climates and learning about Antarctic Animals, Dinosaurs and learning about friendship and enjoying being back with friends.

The snow was a welcomed surprise and all the children loved investigating what had waked through the snow and how they could make snow castles. They were having so much fun making the castles then stamping on them that I didn't get chance to take a photo.



Termly Reminders

Clothes – the weather has most certainly turned on us recently and the temperatures are low. Please can we remind you that our garden is open throughout the day to the children, therefore, they need to have warm coats, hats, scarves, gloves etc. with them at all times (*named please*). 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. 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. More information to follow in a separate letter.

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 to receive our virtual tour.

Dates for your diary

Friday 12th February – INSET Day, Nursery Closed

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

Thursday 1st April – End of Spring Term

Friday 2nd April to Friday 16th April – Nursery closed for Easter holidays

Monday 3rd May – Bank Holiday, Nursery Closed

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

Friday 25th June – INSET Day, 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)



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