

March 2021

Dear Parents

We have come to end of the Spring Term, it has been great to see everyone back in Nursery, there has been a real buzz and hive of learning and new friendship's being formed. We wish you all a very Happy Easter and hope you all have a lovely rest enjoying the sunny weather.

Thank you

A big thank you to all of you for bringing in so much for the Food Bank for the Salvation Army. They were so amazed by you kind generosity. All of the donations will be given out to local families.



Eggstatic

Thank you to 'Jack's Pressure washing experts' for donating a Chocolate Easter Egg to every child today, it was a fantastic surprise. I know the children were very excited to be given an egg. Thank you again.



On Friday 14th May 2021, we will be taking part in **Pyjamarama** which is being run by the **BookTrust**, the UK's largest children's reading charity. On this day of fun children and staff, will come to school in their pyjamas. We will be promoting the love of reading, sharing stories together and the importance

of bedtime stories. More information to follow nearer the time.

ESafety –

We know how children love to use Tablets, Phone and computers, please be mindful of how children are using them and accessing age appropriate Apps and sites. Children need to be watched what they are accessing at this age as there is a lot of inappropriate stuff that they can access without your knowledge. Please be Internet Safe.

Staffing –

We would also like to give a warm welcome to Vanessa Kersley, Monika Hoy, Ellie Hyde & Sheetal Taneja, new staff that will be joining us after the Easter break, this is due to some extra funding we have been able to receive.



Message from Andy Whitehouse Chair of Governors

"We are at the end of another eventful term, and I'd like, on behalf of the Governing Body, to thank all parents and carers for the support you've given to Anita and the team.

It seems a long time ago (it was only January!) when we were told that all Early Years settings would remain open, and this inevitably led to anxieties amongst all of us. It has been great to see how the whole staff have embraced the changes necessary to make our school as safe as possible for the children and staff and, importantly, for all their families. It has been heartening to see attendance of children increase over the period, so that they have been able to obtain the critical early years education that our school provides.

Our staff are now looking forward to a well-deserved break over Easter, and I'm sure we are all looking for a gradual return to normality over the summer term. Thank you once again for your support of our school and staff, and I hope you have a good Easter break.

Andy Whitehouse

Chair of Governors

Chertsey & Dorking Nursery Schools and Mole Valley Family Centre

Termly Reminders

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.

Seed donation – when we get from our Easter break Sally is going to be working with the children to make an area of the garden full of flowers and vegetables. However we wondered whether you could help us by donating any unwanted seeds or plants. If you do please bring them in after Easter. Thank you.

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.

Reminder –

If your child develops symptoms in the 48 hours after their last day at Nursery, which results in a positive test result, please let us know so that we can contact trace your child's bubble. Therefore, if their last day at Nursery was Wednesday 31st March, if they develop symptoms on Thursday 1st or Friday 2nd April - please email the office on info@chertsey.surrey.sch.uk . This email address will be monitored during the holidays.

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

Monday 3rd May – Bank Holiday, Nursery Closed

Friday 14th May

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

Friday 2nd July – INSET Day, Nursery Closed (change of date) changed from Friday 25th June

Friday 16th July – Fun day - Last day of term

* New Dates added

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



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