



May 2021

Dear Parents

We have come to end of the of the first half of the summer term, it has gone very quickly and the children have had lots of adventures, making new friends, exploring surroundings and making the most of the weather!!



"What can I cook for you?"



"Will it fly?"



"I like making bubbles"



Great fun was had by all listening to stories throughout the day!

Sunny Reminders

- Suncream - we advise that parents apply suncream to their child at the start of the day, this will then be sufficient during their morning or afternoon session. We do not apply suncream to your child during a morning/afternoon session, therefore please do not bring it in. (This also applies to the 2's). If your child stays all day (in the Main / Green Class), then please provide us with a bottle of named suncream so that we can support your child to reapply this during the lunchtime period.
- Sun glasses - please do not send your child with sunglasses to Nursery, unless they are prescription ones. Following advise last year from Surrey County Council, 'off the shelf' sunglasses are not safe for the children to wear outside when running and climbing as they are not fitted to heads/noses, and the lenses do not provide the adequate protection from the sun. The Local Authority recommends, therefore the use of a 'wide brimmed' or 'peaked' hat (for example a cap) as this will provide the protection they need.
- Sun hat - we will ensure all children wear a hat in the garden at Nursery, we have a supply of ones they can borrow, however, if you wish your child to have their own, please bring this in and ensure it is named.
- Appropriate clothing - we do not advise that sleeveless tops or flimsy dresses are worn to Nursery, they are not suitable for running and climbing and do not provide protection from the sun. **We also do not allow children to wear open toed, backless shoes/sandals or crocs.**



Timings – Please may I remind you that Nursery is open from 8.30 – 8.45 for the yellow group and early starters and then re-opens for the Orange group at 9.15 – 9.30am. We are getting a lot of children being dropped off outside these times which is causing a lot of disruption and upset for the children. Please may I remind you to bring your children in on time or if you are going to be late please may you contact the office.

Mobile Phones

Mobile telephones – we do not allow the use of mobile phones anywhere in or around the building. This includes the entrance and waiting areas when waiting to collect your children. This is part of our safeguarding policy to protect ALL children. Please therefore, do not be offended if any member of staff asks you to put it away.





Is your child eligible for 30 hour funded entitlement?

Working parents of 3 and 4 year olds may be eligible for an additional 15 hours per week if they are each working a minimum of 16 hours per week, equivalent to the national living wage up to a maximum of £100,000 per year. In a couple, both parents must be working/in a single parent household, the single parent must be working. For full details

of eligibility please see the attached link - <https://www.surreycc.gov.uk/people-and-community/families/childcare/paying/30-hours-funded-childcare-for-working-parents>

If you wish to apply or check your eligibility please use this link - <https://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk/>

If you are eligible and wish to take full advantage of these extra 15 hours then please contact the office to check availability within the Nursery.

Termly Reminders

Voluntary Contribution – Thank you 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.

Water bottles – please make sure these are named clearly and only fill with water, we are still having a number of children bringing in fruit juice.

CLOTHING - The children need to be able to be active at nursery i.e. climb, run, play, paint, glue, dig in the garden etc. Please choose sensible clothes for your child to wear to nursery i.e. not long dresses or clothes that are difficult for them to remove by themselves in the toilet. Please do not send your child to nursery in dressing up clothes. We have clothes for dressing up at school which any of the children can use. **Jewellery including earrings and necklaces, must not be worn as it is considered a safety hazard.** Please make sure children are wearing sensible shoes/trainers in which they can run around, climb and have fun (please note no crocs, jelly shoes, open toed or any poorly fitting or unsuitable footwear). Children should bring a coat every day. Please name all clothes (especially outdoor ones, this can be done with a laundry marker) as it is impossible for us to keep track of them if you don't! If your child is likely to have an "accident" it is helpful if you could leave spare clothes in a named bag on their peg. Please DO NOT leave plastic bags or drawstring bags on your child's peg as they are a safety hazard.

Covid-19 reminders

Please may I remind you that when you are picking up and dropping off children you need to 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.
- **Lateral Flow Test kits** that are available from pharmacies and .gov are only to be used for asymptomatic testing (ie, if there are **no symptoms**) - they are not to be used if you or your child has symptoms and we cannot accept this negative result to allow your child to return to school. If anyone has symptoms, they are to take a PCR test at a test site to confirm if they are positive for covid or not.

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 Friday 28th May, if they develop symptoms on Saturday 29th or Sunday 30th May - please email the office on info@chertsey.surrey.sch.uk . This email address will be monitored during the half term holiday.

We have an Instagram page – please follow, we are very close to meeting our target of 100 followers.



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Dates for your diary



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

Friday 2nd July – Green Class closed for staff training.

Friday 9th July – INSET Day, Nursery Closed (change of date) changed from Friday 2nd July. (Only 2's & 3's)

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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