

November 2021

Dear Parents

Term is rapidly going by and we will soon be at Christmas! Over the last month we have been impressed with how the children have been developing in their skills from mark making, problem solving, ability to listen to their friends and take turns with one another to name a few. Early years education here at Chertsey is all about children acquiring vital skills allowing them to listen to others and share their own ideas. Children can make friends, learn to share, cooperate and become accountable for their actions, all within a safe and comfortable environment. From the pictures below this shows how the children are experiencing and achieving these goals.



We have also had adventures in our Woodland, which the children have enjoyed investigating the surroundings and having the opportunity to go on a bug hunts, play hide and seek and enjoy a cheeky hot chocolate to keep them warm!



Parking

Thank you to all of you that are refraining from parking on the zig zags at drop off and pick up, this is helping with ensuring the safety of the children plus the flow of traffic down Pycroft Road.



Christmas!!

Can't believe it but Christmas is nearly here!! We have got a lot of exciting things happening towards the end of term and we would like to give you as much notice as possible.



Friday 10th December 2021 – Christmas Jumper day

We would like for every child to wear a Christmas Jumper. For this we would like the children to bring in a food donation for the Salvation Army FoodBank. Items that are currently needed are – sponge puddings, squash, meatballs in cans, washing up liquid, cans of rice pudding, cans of fruit, washing powder, to name a few.

Wednesday 15th December 2021 –

Family sing song in 2s & 3s (more details to follow)

Thursday 16th December 2021 –

Wear your Pyjamas to Nursery Day.

Friday 17th December 2021 – Christmas Party.

We are looking forward to giving the children a Christmas party to continue the Chertsey Nursery Tradition, however it will not be a normal Nursery day as session times will be different.

We will be splitting the children that do 30 hours into two groups. One group will come to the party in the morning and the second group will come to the party in the afternoon. No lunch is being provided on this day.

MORE INFORMATION WILL BE COMING TO YOU SHORTLY.

School Admissions

I know that a lot of you have been asking about when you need to apply for a Primary School place. If you child was born between **1 September 2017** and **31 August 2018**. The closing date for application is 15th January 2022. You can apply online through Surrey County Council website – <https://www.surreycc.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/schools/admissions/primary-junior-and-infant/apply>

I know it is a very hard decision to make where to send your child but choosing a school is like buying a house – 'it has to feel right for you as a family'. Please make sure that you contact the schools, as many of the local schools are offering virtual tours which are very useful in helping you to make the final decision. Please do not hesitate to come and ask if you are unsure of the admissions process. Please note, we are not able to advise you on which school to choose for your child, or make preferences ourselves, however, we can advise you on the application process.



Mobile Phones

Mobile telephones – we do not allow the use of mobile phones anywhere in the building. This includes the entrance and corridors when waiting to collect your children. This is part of our safeguarding policy to protect ALL children. I ask Debbie and Lisa in the office not to allow any parents, carers or visitors to enter the building

if on their telephones. Please therefore, do not be offended if any member of staff asks you to put it away. While you are settling your child, you may use your telephone in outside under the covered area.



Sadly, our school budget is getting smaller each year. The large majority of the budget that we are given by the local authority is spent on the wonderful staff at the Nursery. Therefore, we rely heavily on donations and fundraising to enable us to provide the opportunities your child is experiencing.



£5 termly voluntary contribution – thank you to those of you who have made your £5 termly contribution to the Nursery. This supports the costs of additional resources, experiences such as resources to make playdough, cooking, etc. If you have not done so yet, we would be very grateful if you could make a donation to us so we can continue to provide the very best for your child. You will be able to make this donation using School Money (Information provided below).

SCHOOL Money

We have now transferred over to a cashless payment system called school money. You will receive an email from School Money asking you to register. Please may you register with this system, as all payments for extra sessions and school meals will be using SCHOOL MONEY. If you have any problems or do not receive an email then please contact Debbie in the office.

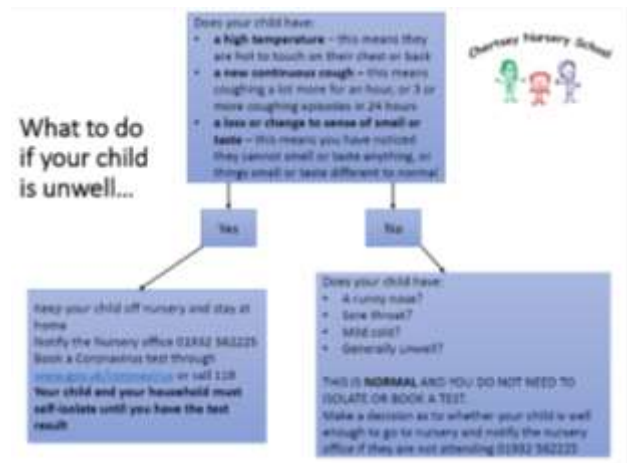


Illness and absence – this is a subject that is talked about frequently at the moment. We follow the PHE guidance at all times with regards to all childhood illnesses, as well as the incubation periods for them.

Your child will get poorly; colds, runny noses, sore throats, sickness and diarrhoea are all viruses that children will develop that help them to build up their immunity and stay healthy. However, at the moment, we have to be cautious when your child has the Covid-19 symptoms.

If at any time your child has a high temperature, new continuous cough or loss of taste or smell, they must begin a self-isolation period and request a full PCR Covid-19 test (Not LFD). Please follow the flow chart sent home to you previously.

Covid-19 will be with us for some time and we will continue to do as much as possible to ensure consistency for your family and children, however, we also have contingency plans in place should another national or local lockdown take place. We do appreciate the disruption this will cause and we will do everything we can to keep this to a minimum.



Please remember that if you have given your child Calpol or any type of paracetamol/ ibuprofen in the morning you need to keep them off Nursery for the day. These medicines can mask Covid symptoms.

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 2022.

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 10th December – Christmas Jumper Day (for Save the Children)

Wednesday 15th December – Family Sing along (More information to follow)

Thursday 16th December - Wear your Pyjamas to Nursery Day.

Friday 17th December – last day of term and pyjama day!

Monday 20th December to Monday 3rd January 2021 – Nursery closed for Christmas

Tuesday 4th January – INSET DAY Nursery Closed

Wednesday 5th January – Term begins, Nursery Open

Monday 14th February to Friday 18th February – ½ term, Nursery closed

Monday 4th April to Monday 18th April – Nursery closed for Easter holidays

Monday 30th May to Friday 3rd June – ½ term, Nursery closed

Friday 24th June – INSET DAY Nursery Closed

Friday 22nd 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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