



October 2020

Dear Parents

I cannot believe that we are already at half term! Thank you for making it a great start to what will be a fantastic Nursery year here at Chertsey. It has been a pleasure to see all your children grow as individuals and become part of the Chertsey Nursery family.

We have been so impressed with how the children are investigating and problem solving within the Nursery



Which container holds the most water?



How can we make our adventure trail longer?



How can we make a magic wand?



How can we collect the water?

Will this brick balance on these round bricks?



How can I make a bridge?

What do we need to do to make the ball move?



School Admissions

I know that a lot of you have been asking about when you need to apply for a Primary School place. The window of opportunity to do this is from 2nd November – 15th January 2021. You can apply online through Surrey County Council website – <https://www.surreycc.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/schools/admissions/primary-junior-and-infant>

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.

Important Reminders

Spare Clothes -

Please may I remind you to bring in spare clothes for your children which are kept in their bags. The weather is changing and there are times when children get wet from playing in the garden and need a change of clothes.



Jewellery

I have noticed that there are a few children wearing big earrings. Please may I remind you that children must not be wearing earrings as it is considered a safety hazard.

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.



£5 termly voluntary contribution – A big 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 woodland, resources to make playdough, daily snacks, 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.

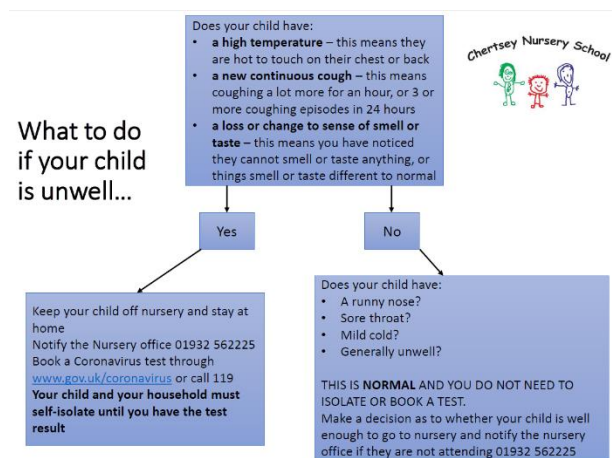
Ventilation – the current DfE and PHE advice is for classrooms to be well ventilated with windows and doors open – we do appreciate this may sometimes feel as if it is colder inside than out, however, we have to keep everyone safe. The staff are making sure they are well dressed in layers (and thermals) too!

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 or someone in your household has a high temperature, new continuous cough or loss of taste or smell, your household must begin a self-isolation period and request a Covid-19 test for the symptomatic person. We do appreciate there are issues nationally with booking and requesting kits which will impact on you/your child getting a result, however, we have to ensure the rules are adhered to in order to keep everyone safe. We are still having parents who are surprised when we ask them to isolate and book a test if their child has a temperature. 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.

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
- You must inform the office immediately so that any further spread of infection can be tracked and testing organised if appropriate.
- If your child is not attending for any reason, you must contact the school office immediately. If we do not hear from you, we will contact you and ask for reasons for absence, this is part of our safeguarding procedures at all times.
- 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.
- Parents and children may be contacted and required to be tested in line with the current Test and Trace programme.
- 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.

CHILDREN IN NEED

We will be having a Charity Day on **Friday 13th November** for Children in Need. Please wear something with Spots or Sparkles on with a suggested donation of £1. Thank you.



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 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 23rd October – Last Day of Term, normal finish times

Monday 26th October to Friday 30th October – ½ term, Nursery closed.

Monday 2nd & 3rd November – 2s & 3-5s Nursery Closed due to staff training
Green Class are in Nursery, normal hours

Friday 13th November – ‘Children in Need’ mufti day.

Friday 11th December – Christmas Jumper Day (for Save the Children)

Friday 18th December – last day of term and pyjama day!

Monday 21st December to Friday 1st January 2021 – Nursery closed for Christmas

Monday 4th January – Nursery re opens

Friday 8th January – INSET Day, Nursery Closed

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

Friday 25th June – INSET Day, Nursery Closed

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



Amended: 22/10/20