



Kenilworth Nursery School

September 2019 newsletter



Nursery School

The children have come back to Nursery School full of fun and showing great delight in the new classroom set up. Children who are new to Nursery this term are settling in well and building up their hours. They are gaining in confidence and happily exploring the environment and starting to build relationships with adults and other children. Popular areas to learn in have been the outdoor classroom due to the sunny weather and exploring the overhead projector and the reflections it makes in the mirrors around the room.

Reminder

As the weather is getting colder, please be sure to bring a coat for your child to wear, ensuring that it's named. Please encourage your child to hang up their own coat on their colour group peg. This encourages independence and also ensures they know where to find their coat when they need it.

Security

PLEASE DO NOT LET ANYONE INTO SCHOOL THAT YOU DON'T KNOW. Please shut the door behind you and ask any unknown person to ring the doorbell and state their need. Also, please ensure that both the blue gate and the gate at the end of our pathway onto the pavement is closed over when you pass through it. Many thanks.

Voluntary contributions to our School Fund

The School's voluntary contribution School Fund has been very well supported by parents over the last few years, which has enabled the school to purchase extra resources for the children that would otherwise have been impossible. **This year we hope to use these contributions to buy the time of an artist in residence, as this directly impacts children's creative learning process.**

Details of how to donate a one off, or ongoing voluntary contribution to the school are being circulated by letter to you. The staff and Governors extend our sincere thanks for any support you can give us, at a time when Maintained Nursery School budgets are under huge funding pressures that result in real term cuts.

Children's illness, holidays and collections

If your child is going to be absent from Nursery School due to infection or illness, please call the office on 01926 853394 on the first day of absence. Similarly, if you are planning to be away on holiday please let us know. Finally, if you plan to have someone other than a parent/carer collect your child please let us know, and we will put a collection password in place for you, and record your permission having been granted. Keeping your children safe is our top priority so if you forget to do this, we will call you to confirm that you authorise collection, and won't let your child go until permission has been given. We will also call you in the case of unauthorised absences. Many thanks for your understanding and support of this process to ensure that all our children are safe.

Nurture Nursery

Staff are very pleased with how well they've got to know the children during the settling in process, and the positive relationships that have been formed. Based on our knowledge of the children we are now making changes to the environment and to individual children's routines to help further support the point of separation between parent/carer and child and children's engagement with the environment on arrival.

School Uniform

Thank you to all parents/carers who've donated in exchange for our second hand uniform. Uniform is non-compulsory but if you'd like to purchase any new short sleeved polo shirts branded with the Nursery School logo, then please visit www.myclothing.com.

Sadly, we don't offer any uniform other than this, but you can buy navy joggers/skirts from various supermarkets.

Forest School Activities

These activities will be starting after October half term. If you would like to volunteer to help in these sessions, please speak to 'B' in the School Office.

PACT Days

This year we are introducing Parent and Child Time 'PACT' Days into our termly school calendar. These will give parents/carers the opportunity to come into session, be beside your child, have the opportunity for your child to explain what they have been learning, and show you a series of activities they've become skilled at. Parents will also have the opportunity to watch short videos to explain the learning concepts children are working on, and the ways in which the Nursery School supports that learning. These PACT Days will be a shorter morning session held between 9 - 11am for all Nursery School children, including those with afternoon places. Parents/carers will then be encouraged to finish their child's day early at 11am wherever possible. We appreciate that working parents may find this difficult, so please talk to us if so.

IMPORTANT DIARY DATES 2019/20 (new dates listed in **red**; Nursery closures listed in **yellow**)

Autumn term dates: Tuesday 3 September - Friday 20 December 2019

Teacher Training Day - Friday 25 October (no Nursery School or Nurture Nursery for children)

Autumn half term - Monday 28 October - Friday 1 November 2019

Individual child photos for Nursery School - Tuesday 19 November 9.30 - 11.30am

PACT Day (Parent & Child Time) - Friday 20 December: 9 - 11am accompanied attendance for Nursery School children

Spring term dates: Monday 6 January - Friday 3 April 2020

Friday 7 February Open Day for Prospective Parents (Nursery open as usual for all children)

Teacher Training Day - Friday 14 February (no Nursery School or Nurture Nursery for children)

Spring half term: Monday 17 - Friday 21 February 2020

Colour group photos for Nursery School - Tuesday 10 March 2020 9.30 - 11.30am

PACT Day (Parent & Child Time) - Friday 3 April 2020: 9 - 11am accompanied attendance for Nursery School children

Summer term dates: Monday 20 April - Friday 19 July 2020

Summer half term: Monday 25 - Friday 29 May 2020

Teacher Training Day - Friday 19 June (no Nursery School or Nurture Nursery for children)

Open Day for new 2020 cohort of children - Wednesday 8 July (no Nursery School or Nurture Nursery for children)

Nursery School Sponsored Sports Day - Thursday 9 July 2020

Leavers Farewell Picnic on last day of term - Friday 19 July 2020

Parent consultations will take place in early November 2019 and early March 2020

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