



Kenilworth Nursery School

January 2020 newsletter



Nursery School

Welcome to the spring term here at Kenilworth Nursery, and welcome to all our new starters! We're delighted with the way children are settling so far this term and are excited to be offering new activities for returning children to enjoy including Forest School Activities on Monday and Wednesday mornings, woodwork on Tuesdays and literacy on Fridays. Please be assured that themes in literacy will be continued in group time throughout the week, so all children will access the literacy curriculum. Other weekly activities include music and movement, relaxation and yoga so the children have plenty to enjoy here with us this term!

Living Eggs Spring term fundraiser

As a part of our enhanced curriculum provision we'd love to offer children in the Nursery School the chance to take part in the wonderful 'Living Eggs' project we run each year in the spring term. This is an ethical chick hatching project which involves 'live' incubated eggs being bought into the school for two weeks, and during that time children will get to see the chicks hatch and grow! Children will get the chance to hold the chicks and to undertake lots of creative activities around the subject of 'growth and change'. It's a very special experience for everyone and we've received incredibly positive feedback about it from parents/carers in the past. **Regretfully, this activity will only be made possible by parental donations and we therefore kindly ask that you consider making a cash or BACS donation to the school fund for this purpose. The cost of the 'Living Eggs' is £300 and if every family donated, it would cost £5.50 per child.** Donations can be made via the School Office Manager in main reception, and will need to please be made by February half-term in order for us to book in time. **If you haven't already, please also fill out a gift aid declaration if you are an income tax payer, as this will enable the school to claim an extra 25p on top of any donations we receive.** 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-time cuts.



Office Manager news

B's official leaving date with us as School Office Manager is on Friday 24 January. We're delighted to have recruited her successor, but there will be a gap between B leaving and her starting, for reasons out of our control. B has kindly agreed to cover Fridays for us until the start of March on a supply basis, as her new role is part-time. Please bear with us during this time and thank you in advance for your patience & understanding.

Open Day - Friday 31 January 2020

In a bid to maximise our September 2020 places in Nursery School we will be opening our doors on Friday 31 January for a school Open Day. This won't affect children in school that day as the school day will run as normal. We'd be very grateful if you could help us in our marketing crusade and spread the word amongst any friends or relatives you know who are looking for either a 15 or 30 hour place for September. We have posters available and details are on our Facebook page - <https://en-gb.facebook.com/knseytc/> - any likes and shares would be wonderful!

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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.

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.

New Governors required!

We have vacancies on our Governing Board and would love to welcome new parents/carers. If you are interested please see the School Office Manager.

Reminder

As the weather is currently cold and wet, 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 it.

Security

PLEASE DO NOT LET ANYONE INTO SCHOOL THAT YOU DON'T KNOW. Please always shut the door behind you and ask any unknown person to ring the door buzzer and wait to be let in by staff. 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. Thanks.

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

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

Friday 31 January 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 17 July 2020

Bank holiday: FRIDAY 8 May 2020 (no Nursery School or Nurture Nursery for children)

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 17 July 2020

Parent consultations will take place in early March 2020

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