



# Kenilworth Nursery School

## October 2020 newsletter



### Nursery School

A big thank you to all our parents and carers for your support in settling the children in Nurture and Main Nursery. Under the current circumstances the settling-in process has been more challenging this year as we welcome new and returning children to Nursery after a long time at home. In each of the bubbles in Main Nursery and the Nurture Nursery group, the children have settled well and begun to build positive relationships with their keyworkers, their new environment and with the other children in their group.

In Main Nursery the children have followed a structured routine for each session where the whole group spends time outdoors and then indoors, exploring the resources and spaces. In small group times the children have been learning how to count carefully by touching each object as they say the number. The children have been categorising different objects and sorting by different features such as colour or shape. We've been tuning our ears into different sounds that we can hear, and the sounds different objects make. Our home learning will continue to reflect the learning that's been happening in the classroom.



### Coat Reminder

As the weather is getting colder and wetter, please be sure to bring a coat for your child to wear, ensuring that it's clearly named.

### Face Masks

Please can we remind everyone to wear face masks to the school gates/doors in line with the Warwickshire County Council 'do the right thing' campaign. We need to keep school and the staff as safe as possible.

### Security

**PLEASE DO NOT LET ANYONE INTO SCHOOL THAT YOU DON'T KNOW.**

Please always shut the gate behind you and ask any unknown person to ring the buzzer and wait to be let in by staff.

Thank you.

### Emergency School Closures

With winter approaching, in the event of snow, burst pipes or broken heating system, school may have to close. To sign up for FREE school closure text alerts go to:

<https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/education-learning/emergency-school-closures-1>. You can register an account via this link and add up to 3 schools.

### 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 second hand uniform, then please speak to Emily in the office.

### Children's illness, holidays and collections

If your child is unwell and going to be absent from Nursery School, please call the office on 01926 853394 or email [kenilworthnsoffice@welearn365.com](mailto:kenilworthnsoffice@welearn365.com) 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'll 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.

### Voluntary Contributions

Thank you to all who have made a financial contribution to the school. Your support is very much appreciated and does make a difference as it buys the fruit the children eat and contributes in many other ways too! If you have not yet donated, it is not too late! (Suggested Contribution: £1 per week paid weekly, half termly or for the whole year). If you would like to pay by bank transfer please ask for our details. We usually ask for £2 toward the cost of your child's new book bag but with everything going on this was forgotten. If you would like to pay please give the £2 to your child's keyworker in an envelope or by bank transfer. Thank you.

### Toileting accidents

If your child has an accident whilst at nursery, we will double bag their wet clothes to comply with Covid guidelines, and give it to you at the end of your child's session. Please make sure a new set of clean clothes is brought back in, in a named bag. Thank you

### IMPORTANT DIARY DATES 2020/21

(new dates listed in **red**; Nursery closures listed in **yellow**)

**Autumn term dates: Tuesday 1 September - Friday 18 December 2020**

**Teacher Training Day - Monday 2 November** (no Nursery School or Nurture Nursery for children)

Autumn Half Term: Monday 26 - Friday 30 October

**Spring term dates: Monday 4 January - Thursday 1 April 2021**

**Teacher Training Day - Monday 4 January** (no Nursery School or Nurture Nursery for children)

**Teacher Training Day - Friday 12 February** (no Nursery School or Nurture Nursery for children)

Spring half term: Monday 15 - Friday 19 February 2021

**Summer term dates: Monday 19 April - Wednesday 21 July 2021**

Bank Holiday: Monday 3 May & Monday 31 May 2021

Summer half term: Monday 31 May - Friday 4 June 2021

**Teacher Training Day - Monday 7 June** (no Nursery School or Nurture Nursery for children)

**Open Day for new 2021 cohort of children - Wednesday 14 July** (no Nursery School or Nurture Nursery for children)

Last day of term - Wednesday 21 July 2021

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