

Main Nursery

Over the last few weeks our new children have been gradually building up their hours as they settle into their new environment, build relationships with their keyworker, and other adults, and begin to get to know other children in their colour group. Our returning children have been wonderful at helping the new children find out about the different areas, resources and activities at Nursery. We've introduced a small group time in the middle of the session where children are having a snack and listening to a story in their colour group. Our Music and Movement teacher Lizzy, has now met all of the children and will begin her sessions in the Garden Studio over the next couple of weeks.



Nurture Nursery

In Nurture Nursery the children have been settling into their new environment and routine with the support of their keyworker. They have been exploring painting, mark-making, playdough, cornflour and water play in the creative area and found materials, role-play in the home area, books and puzzles in the imaginative area indoors. In the outdoor spaces the children have been using their own ideas in the large sandpit, and investigating natural materials such as conkers, pine cones and pumpkins. They have also been spending time being physical outside, e.g. throwing, climbing, sliding, running and digging.



Security

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

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

We hope you've been able to take a little time to become familiar with our new app '**Learning Journals**' and have enjoyed finding out about some of your child's interests as they settle into the new school year.

School Uniform

We have some pre-loved uniform in the main reception which we ask a small donation for. Thank you to everyone who has donated. Uniform is non-compulsory but if you'd like to purchase any pre-loved uniform, then please speak to Emily in the office.

We are currently working with a supplier to supply us brand new uniform too, so watch this space!

Clothing reminders

As the weather is getting colder and wetter, please bring a coat for your child, ensuring that it's clearly named. Our windows and doors will be open for ventilation, so please make sure your child brings a jumper or cardigan for inside so that they don't get cold. On rainy days if you send your child in wearing wellies, can you please send spare shoes as some of the children have been tripping over in their wellies inside. If your child is coming in wearing an all-in-one wet weather suit, they will also need another coat for independently putting on to go outside.

Children's absence, holidays and collections

If your child is unwell and going to be absent from Nursery School, please call 01926 853394 or email kenilworthnsoffice@welearn365.com on the first day of absence. We're required to follow up all absences so please help us by letting Emily in the office know. Similarly, if you're planning to be away on holiday please contact us. 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.

Illness

Thank you also for supporting us by keeping any unwell children at home. We have noticed that Covid cases within families are spreading more quickly than previously, but sometimes with a delay of 3-4 days before a positive test for a sibling or Parent. Please act on the side of caution if you have a positive case within your family. We're happy to send individual work home and messages to children during periods of self-isolation if children seem well.

Voluntary contributions

Parents have been wonderfully generous over the last few years in supporting the school's Voluntary Contribution Fund, which has enabled us to purchase extra resources for the children that would otherwise have been impossible. 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!

The suggested contribution is £1 per week paid weekly, half termly or for the whole year. If you would like to pay by bank transfer please speak to Emily for our details. Thank you so much from staff team and governors for your ongoing support, which is invaluable. us.

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Labelling

Please make sure that your child's name is on all clothing, bags, hats and lunchboxes please.

Baby & Toddler Groups

We're now running classes on Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday mornings for babies & toddlers. Visit our Website for all the details and don't forget to tell your friends and family.

Toileting accidents

If your child has an accident whilst at nursery, we'll place their wet clothes in a bag 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.

Lunch Club Guidance

These are just a few reminders:

- Due to Covid 19, children must be able to open their own lunchboxes and packaging on their food. So only bring food they can open themselves.
- Please send your child with a healthy lunch - no chocolate or sweets.
- Name lunch bags on the outside; please also name any Tupperware boxes.
- Grapes and small sausages must be cut up lengthways as there have been a number of incidents in the media of children choking on them.
- Children should not bring their own drinks including smoothies; all children are provided with milk or water.
- Utensils such as spoons for yoghurts or forks need to be included in their lunchbox.
- **NO NUTS - INCLUDING ANY SNACK/CAKE BARS CONTAINING NUTS or CHOCOLATE SPREAD**

IMPORTANT DIARY DATES 2021/22

(Nursery closures listed in **yellow**)

Autumn term dates: Thursday 2 September - Friday 17 December 2021

Teacher Training Day - Thursday 2 Sept (no Nursery School or Nurture Nursery for children)

Autumn half term - Monday 25 October - Friday 29 October 2021

Teacher Training Days - Monday 1 & Tuesday 2 November (no Nursery School or Nurture Nursery for children)

Christmas Jumper Day - Friday 10 December

Spring term dates: Tuesday 4 January - Friday 8 April 2022

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

Spring half term: Monday 21 February - Friday 25 February 2022

Summer term dates: Monday 25 April - Thursday 21 July 2022

Summer half term: Monday 30 May - Friday 3 June 2022

Teacher Training Day - Monday 6 June (no Nursery School or Nurture Nursery for children)

Open Day for new 2022/23 cohort of children - Wednesday 6 July (no Nursery School or Nurture Nursery for children)