



Chichester
Nursery School

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Update

Dear Parents and Carers,
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It hardly seems possible that this it is nearly the end of the Summer term and another busy year in Nursery School. So this final newsletter of the year is a mixture of “end of term bits”, goodbyes and reminders that there are still things going on in the locality and adjoining Children Centre to keep everyone occupied over the long summer break!

Summer Fair

First of all a big thank you to everyone who attended our Summer Fair on 15th June (it seems a long time ago now). The weather was kind to us, and thanks to the amazing support of our parents, children and local companies (please see the list at the end of this newsletter) we raised £1320! This means that we will be able to buy new books to fill some gaps we have in our library and also replace some old and much loved books that have become tatty through being read so much!!

Thank you for your lovely comments

The staff would also like to say a huge thank you to the parents who have written lovely comments (and helpful suggestions) on the sheets included with the leavers' reports. Satisfied parents are undoubtedly our best testimonial and, with your permission, we would like to use your comments on our website and in other promotional material. Please let us know if you would prefer your comments not to be used or if you would like them

to be used anonymously. If you have the time to post some comments on Google as well, that too would be much appreciated. It's not too late to get your comments sheet in, as the closing date is Friday 6th July.

Thank you also for all the help, support and encouragement you have given us throughout the year. Working with young children is one of the best jobs you can have and a real privilege – but there's no denying that it can also be exhausting and it is your understanding and encouragement that help spur us on and keep us going.

Book bags

As we get nearer the end of term, we need to start collecting in book bags, so that they can be washed and repaired in time for the start of the new school year. We will start collecting book bags in on Monday 9th July so please make sure your child returns their book bag to Nursery, along with any other Nursery books you may find at home.

Children's Pegs, Lost Property and Medicines

We have a deep clean over the summer break so even if your child is not leaving Nursery we still need to make sure that peg areas are cleared on the last day of term. So please take your child's bag and any other belongings home with you on that day – and don't forget to check the lost

property basket (in the lobby area) for any stray items of clothing that may have found their way in there.

Some children have had inhalers and medicines in Nursery and these too should be collected and taken home on the last day of term.

Leavers' Celebrations

This is the sad bit - on Tuesday 24th July the Nursery will be holding a celebration to say goodbye to those children leaving to go onto primary schools in September. Parents of leavers are warmly invited to join us for this the celebration as follows:

Morning Ceremony at 11 am for:

- Morning children in Red, Blue and Orange groups
- Green group all day children
- Yellow D children (as this is not your normal day please come into Nursery at 10.45)

Afternoon Ceremony at 2 pm for:

- Afternoon children in Blue and Orange groups
- Yellow C children
- Orange group all day children
- Purple group all day children

(This is all quite complicated I know, so please talk to your child's keyworker if you need clarification.)

On the day we will gather together outside, (weather permitting!), where all children leaving the school will be given one of our special teddies as a parting gift. Parents are then invited to join their child's Group Time where they will be presented with their portfolio.

At the end of the celebrations parents may wish to take their children home, however the Nursery sessions will run as normal for those families needing additional childcare.

Nursery sessions start at the normal time on this day, with parents returning for the Leavers' Ceremony.

What's On over the Summer

We gather from the Children's Centre team, who share the building with us, that there will be lots of exciting events happening over the Summer holiday. Details will be available from the main foyer area shortly and you can also follow the link on our website

Opting out of permissions

Just a reminder, if your child will be with us in September, that it is your right to opt out of any

permissions that you might previously have given us to do with:

- Use of your child's photograph
- Outings and trips
- Help with changing clothes
- First Aid
- Administration of Calpol and Piriton

Please see Sue in the office if you want to alter any "permissions" that you have given us in the past.

Wellies

Many children already have their own wellies in Nursery and from September we are asking all parents to supply wellies for their children to use in the Nursery garden.

To be absolutely honest with you the cost of supplying wellies, and replacing those that have gone home on children's feet when their own shoes have got wet, has become prohibitively expensive, and this is a cost that can no longer be met by the Nursery when we have so many other calls on our finances.

So, it would really help if all children could come back in September with a pair of wellies, with their name and group clearly written on the inside.

These will then be stored in boxes outside in the garden for the children to access when needed.

If, by any chance, you have any unwanted wellies, we would be very happy to take those off your hands as well, to use as spares.

Changes to session costs

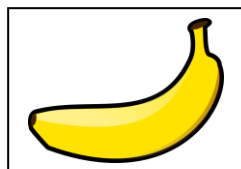
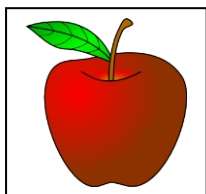
I hope that you have received the letter that came out last month about increases to our session fees from September onwards. If by any chance you have not received this please call in at the office.

The other important piece of information contained in this letter is that from September we will not be running the late session (from 5 - 5.30 pm) on a Wednesday. This is so that the Up to 3s' Nursery staff meeting can happen within the Nursery day and not go on to 6.30 pm as it does at the moment.

Fruit contributions

Parents have been very generous in bringing in contributions of fruit when their child's keyworker has been in the kitchen area. However, from September onwards, in an effort to ensure a more consistent supply of fruit, we are changing the system slightly and asking each child to bring in 2 pieces of fruit per week. These will then be used to provide snack in the kitchen for all the children.

The fruits below are particularly easy to cut and share and also have a long shelf life, but we would be very happy to have more exotic fruits as well!



INSET Days for next year

The Nursery School and Up to 3s' Nursery will all be closed on **Monday 3rd September** for staff INSET training. As well as making plans for the new academic year, staff will be refreshing their Child Protection training.

Nursery School will also be closed for an additional day on **Tuesday 4th September** to allow Nursery School staff to pay home visit to new starters. The Up to 3s' Nursery will be open as normal on this day.

Other Inset days and additional closure days have been pencilled in as follows:

Monday 29th October

Thursday 3rd January

Friday 4th January (additional closure date for home visits, Up to 3s' open as normal).

Monday 25th February

There will one more Inset day during the course of the year and we will let you know the date as soon as it has been decided.

As a combined Nursery School and Up to 3s' Nursery the closure dates for the various areas of our provision are quite complicated (especially for the Summer holiday period) so please make sure you look at the Dates section at the end of this newsletter for clarification.

New staff and changes for the Autumn term

The most important change of all, and one that I'm sure you have already heard about, is that from 1st September Ruth Campbell will be the new Headteacher of Chichester Nursery School.

You all know Ruth so well that she needs no introduction, but what I do need to tell you is that she has been an excellent Deputy Headteacher and will be an equally excellent Headteacher, with exactly the right blend of passion, commitment, energy and expertise to lead the Nursery School into the future.

Ruth's promotion has left the role of Deputy Headteacher vacant and I am pleased to be able to tell you that Clare Blanchard has been appointed as our new Deputy Headteacher from September.

Clare has led the Nursery and Reception classes at Tangmere School for a number of years and has obviously done this very well indeed, as they fought very hard to keep her! However, she relished the new challenge that the role here presented and we are delighted that she accepted the post.

Clare will be in before the end of term and you may have a chance to meet her then, otherwise she looks forward to meeting you in September. Clare will become keyworker for Red group in the afternoon.

Last but by no means least, Sophie Meigh who has been our Nursery Nurse keyworker for Purple group (end of week) children will take over all Purple group children in September. This is because Wendy is sadly moving on to pastures new – more about that later. Sophie has loved being a keyworker this year and taken up the role with such enthusiasm and commitment, so we are confident that all of Purple group will be in safe hands.

Goodbyes!

The first special “goodbye” goes to all our lovely children who are leaving us to go to primary school. We have loved playing and learning with

you and wish you all the luck in the world as you move to your new schools – they are very lucky to have you and remember to come back and see us!

As is usual at this time of year, we also need to say goodbye to some staff, one of which is Wendy, who I mentioned above. Wendy has worked at the Nursery School, off and on, for more years than she would probably like to remember – about 23 I believe!

Wendy is an amazing Nursery Nurse who puts the children at the centre of everything she does and quietly and gently supports their learning in the most effective way imaginable.

Being of a “certain age” Wendy has decided to explore new avenues of employment and look for a job which is less physically demanding – we are sure she will be snapped up quickly. Thank you Wendy for everything you have done for the Nursery School and for being a shining example to us all.

We are sorry too to be saying goodbye to Jasmin and Megan, who have worked as Nursery Assistants in Nursery School for the last year, supporting learning and engaging with the children so wonderfully, and to Darleen who has supported many children with additional needs so well over

the last few years. Darleen is moving next door to take up additional hours in the Special Support Centre at Portfield School, where she already works in the afternoons. Jasmin is working her way towards teacher training (you will be fantastic Jasmin) and Megan is off to take up a combined role of working in another setting and nannying. We wish Jasmin, Megan and Darleen good luck for the future and thank them for all they have done for us.

Goodbye from me too....

I have been putting off writing this bit, but if this newsletter is to be out before the end of term I can delay no longer!

I would like to say a really heartfelt thank you to the whole Chichester Nursery School community – the fantastic staff, the wonderful children and their supportive and lovely parents - I have really loved working with you and being part of your lives for the last 18 years and I know I will miss you all enormously.

But I also know that the Nursery School will be in good hands and that it will go from strength to strength, whatever challenges the future holds.

My best wishes and good luck go to all of you for the future – wherever that exciting path may lead.

Finally, as this is the last newsletter before the end of term, we would like to wish all our children and their families a long, sunny and relaxing Summer break.



A big thank you to all the companies below who made generous donations to our Summer Fair:

Air Arena

Brick Kiln Nursery

Buzby and Blue

Chartwells

Cineworld

Costa Coffee

Everyone Active

Flip Out

Goodwood Estate

LA Fish

Manor Nursery

Shake-A-Delic

Splits

Tesco

The Buttery

The Crystal Shop
 The Old Sweet Shop
 Wagamama
 Wahaca
 Waterstones
 West Wittering Estate
 Whizz Kids
 Wholesale Catering Supplies
 Zizzi

... and of course all our wonderful parents who donated items and made cakes

Dates for your diary

Wed 4th July	4.00 – 5.30 pm Drop In session for parents of children transferring to primary school
Tue 24th July	Leavers' Ceremony and last day of term for Nursery School children (pre-booked care available over holiday period)
Mon 27th to Friday 31st August inclusive	Summer shut-down week – Up to 3s' Nursery closed
Mon 3rd September	Up to 3s' and Nursery School closed for Inset day
Tue 4th September	Additional closure date for Nursery School to allow staff to pay home visits to new starters. Up to 3s' Nursery open and pre-booked care available for returning children
Wed 5th September	First day of Autumn term for Nursery School children