



Chichester
Nursery School

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Newsletters

Dear Parents and Carers,

Hello and Welcome/Welcome Back!

Welcome back to all our families after the Christmas Holidays. We hope you had a lovely break and very special Christmas celebrations. We also would like to extend a very warm welcome to all the families that are new to the Nursery School. We hope that your children settle quickly and you all feel very welcome in our school.

Please do share any worries or concerns you have at any time – we think this is a wonderful place for children to be, but we know we don't always get it right so do talk to us. We look forward to getting to know all our parents and children individually.

To help keep track of everything that is going on there is a list of key dates on the last page, **including INSET days!**

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Staffing Updates

We said a couple of fond farewells at the end of last term but also have some happy announcements about our new staff...



Rachel Aslett, Keyworker to Blue Group at the beginning of the week in the Up to 3s' left us at the end of November. Rachel has been at the Nursery for 10 years and has been a wonderful and much-loved practitioner! Her departure is a huge loss for

us but we know that her new job will allow her to spend more time with her children.

As many of you know **Liz Sandy** left us at the beginning of December to move back to be with her family and new grandchildren that will soon be on the way. Liz has been a long-standing and hard-working member of the Nursery School team and will be greatly missed by Orange Group families and all of us.

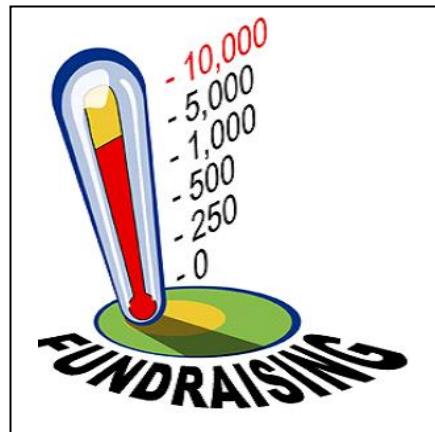
However, there is good news - we are delighted to announce that two wonderful new Keyworkers will be looking after Orange Group from now on...

Karen Gibson is an incredibly experienced Nursery Nurse from Bognor Nursery School, who is very passionate about Makaton Signing and helping children learn about different cultures. Karen will look after Orange Group at the beginning of the week. We hope Karen settles in well at Chichester and that she enjoys getting to know us and our wonderful children!

Starting on a Wednesday afternoon and looking after Orange Group at the end of the week we are delighted to welcome back the lovely **Emma Randall**. Many of you will know Emma, and we are delighted that she has returned "home" to us!

Friends of Chichester Nursery School

We would like to say a huge thank you to the new “Friends of Chichester Nursery School” who organised and ran a wonderful Christmas Fair and successfully raised £400.



The Friends will be meeting again on Wednesday 23rd January at 1pm to plan additional events and in particular, our Summer Fair, which will help raise much-needed money for the Nursery School, which will go towards buying resources and equipment that we couldn't afford otherwise.

So, if you've got some good fundraising ideas and can spare a bit of time every now and then please do come along on 23rd January and join our Friends. It's also a great way of getting to know other parents if you're new to the Nursery!

Christmas Thank-You's

More thank-you's and this time to all our parents and carers. A huge thanks from all the staff for all your generosity over the Christmas period: for all your donations towards the Christmas Fair and donations of party food and bits that enabled the children to have a wonderful Christmas Party! And



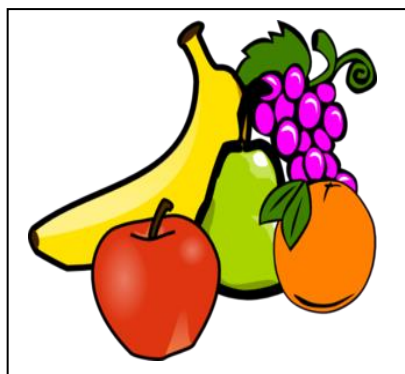
finally for the lovely cards and thoughtful gifts you bought for us as staff – we definitely got through the end of term fuelled by chocolate!



Nursery Clothing

Do remember to send your children in with warm jumpers and coats (preferably waterproof) and sturdy shoes for outdoor play in this colder and wet weather. Also, please bring a pair of named wellies for your child – splashing in the huge puddles we get in our garden is so much fun!

As much as we encourage children to look after their belongings and put them on their peg, in a big and busy Nursery things do go astray! It would help us enormously if you can label your child's clothing. You don't need to buy fancy labels – a permanent marker or biro works just as well!

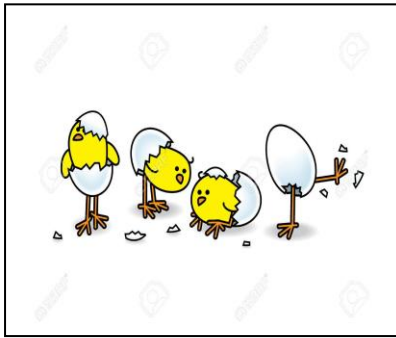


Fruit Donations

Over 3s': You will know that the Nursery School has a kitchen area where children are able to access fruit, water and milk as healthy snacks.

To enable us to provide snacks for the children we ask if parents could donate **two** pieces of fruit each week. Your child's keyworker will have a basket for collecting the fruit at the beginning of each session.

Up to 3s': Although we provide snacks and fruit for the children, we would really welcome donations from Up to 3s' parents to top up what we provide and would be very grateful if parents could donate a couple of pieces of fruit once a month



Chicks!

We are very excited to announce that we will be having some eggs again in March, which will hopefully hatch in to a gorgeous batch of chicks! We nearly didn't have them this year, as we can no longer afford lovely extra things like this. However, we know how much they are loved by all (possibly even more by the parents than the children!) and they are such a great source of learning and absolute wonder for the children, so we have gone ahead and ordered the eggs but will be asking parents if they could donate a small amount to help cover the costs, which I believe are: £270 this year. This works out as about £1.50 per family.

Additional INSET Day

At the beginning of the year and on our website we listed our INSET days for the year and you may remember that we had one further date to



announce. This was because we were awaiting confirmation of some training that we had been trying to book. This has now been confirmed and

so we can announce that our final INSET day of the school year will be Friday 22nd March. Please note that both the Up to 3s' and the Nursery School will be closed to ALL children on this day. See the diary at the back for dates of other upcoming INSET days.



Sizzling Sausages Weekend

As I know many of you are aware, funding for schools and Nursery Schools these days is very tight, to say the least! This means that things we now need to undertake much more fundraising to buy the resources we need. One of the ways we plan to do this is for our staff to run the “Sizzling Sausage” hot dog sale at Homebase over the weekend of 16th & 17th March. We are aiming big with this event and are hoping to raise money for a new climbing frame in the Up to 3s' Nursery garden. These are great family events, with activities and play facilities for children so please do spread the word to your friends and family and come down and support us over this weekend!

February Half-term Holiday Care Deadline

Parents of Nursery School children who want to book holiday care for the February half-term are reminded that



forms need to be in by Friday 18th January in order for places to be guaranteed.



Parents App & Facebook

It isn't easy keeping up with all the events that go on in Nursery – dressing up days, fundraising events and INSET days. To try and make things easier for you

we have a “Parents App” and a Facebook Page, which help keep you informed about what is happening when. Our Facebook page also shares photos of the fantastic learning that goes on in Nursery. If you have given us permission to use photos of your child you will sometimes see pictures of what they are up to. Download “OurSchoolsApp” on to your phone and select Chichester Nursery School and “like” our Facebook page if you haven't already done so.

Families Aloud!

After a fantastic re-launch of “Families Aloud” in November we can't wait for the next one, which will be on Sunday 17th March. For



parents who are not familiar with Families Aloud, this is your opportunity to come and play in Nursery with your child/children (older and younger siblings are very welcome too, as are grandparents, cousins and friends!) You will be able to see the kind of things your child gets up to

during their days in Nursery, as well as get to know other parents better. A hot dog brunch and fruit will be available plus a cuppa for adults and a cold drink for children.

We don't receive funding to cover events like this and last time we didn't cover our costs, so please do bring a donation if you can. We hope to see lots of you there!

Tabletop Sale

Have you got lots of unwanted bits and pieces that you need to get rid of after Christmas? Then we have the perfect solution for you!



On Saturday 19th January we are holding a Tabletop Sale **in** the Nursery (no chilly car boot sales for us!) from 10am-1pm. Book a table through the office for £10 and keep all the money you make! Free tea, coffee and biscuits for all stallholders. Doors open for setup at 9am.

Dates for Your Diary

Sat 19 th January	<u>Nursery Tabletop Sale 10am-1pm</u> Buy a pitch for £10 and keep the profits from selling all your unwanted bits and pieces
Sat 16 th & Sun 17 th February	<u>Sizzling Sausages at Homebase</u> Come down to Homebase and buy a hotdog to help raise money for Nursery. Fun activities for the children too!
Mon 18 th February – Fri 22 nd February	NURSERY SCHOOL HALF TERM Pre-booked daycare only for all children plus Adventurers (15 hour stretched option)
Mon 25 th February	Nursery School & Up to 3s' closed for INSET Training
Weds 6 th March	<u>World Book Day</u> Further details to follow...
Fri 15 th March	<u>Red Nose Day</u> Dress up (more details to follow) and bring £1 to raise money for this fantastic cause.
Sun 17 th March	<u>Families Aloud! 10am-12pm</u> Come and play in Nursery with your child
Fri 22 nd March	Nursery School & Up to 3s' closed for INSET Training
Tues 26 th March	Chicks Arrive!
Weds 3 rd April	<u>Easter Celebration Day including Easter Bonnet Parade and Egg Rolling</u> Parents & Carers join us from 11.00am for Morning and C Group Children and 2pm for Afternoon & D Group children
Mon 8 th April – Mon 22 nd April	EASTER HOLIDAYS
Tues 23 rd April	Term Restarts – Summer Term Begins

Mon 6 th May	May Day Bank Holiday – Nursery School & Up to 3s' Nursery Closed
Mon 27 th May-Fri 31 st May	NURSERY SCHOOL HALF TERM Pre-booked daycare only for all children plus Adventurers (15 hour stretched option)
Mon 3 rd June	Term Restarts after Half Term
Weds 24 th July	Last day of Term & Leavers' Ceremonies
Mon 26 th - Fri 30 th Aug	Nursery shutdown week. Whole of Nursery closed!