



Chichester  
Nursery School

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## May/June/July

# Newsletters

Dear Parents and Carers,

The Summer Term is underway and we look forward to (hopefully!) some warm, sunny weather to come!

It has been lovely seeing children in all parts of the Nursery enjoying the chance to play in our sandpits again – at long last!

This is a particularly busy term for our Over 3s' Keyworkers, who are preparing for their children going up to Primary School. This means they will be having additional time out of Nursery to write the reports that you and schools will receive.

To all new families, we hope you feel very welcome here and that you and your children soon feel very much part of the "Chichester Nursery Family".

In this Newsletter you will find information on:

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## **Staffing Updates**

As always we have a couple of staffing updates to share with you. We recently said a sad farewell to Tina, who has worked as a Nursery Assistant in Nursery School for several years. I'm sure you will join me in thanking Tina for all the care and nurture she has given to so many children over the years.

Many families in the Up to 3s' will have noticed that Justine has not been around for a little while...poor Justine took a rather frightening tumble out of her loft and has badly injured her foot, in addition to some quite substantial bruising! She is popping in to visit the children regularly as she recovers and we hope she will be back with us again soon!

Now for a couple of “hello’s”: we recently welcomed Freya Bennett to the Up to 3s’ as a new Nursery Assistant. Freya has hit the ground running and already feels like she has been with us for years!

Secondly, we welcome Dylan Smith, as a Support Assistant in the Up to 3s’, working with some of our children who have additional needs. Dylan has plenty of experience in supporting children in this area, as he also works for Pacso, an organisation we have close links with.

We hope that our new staff settle in quickly and soon feel part of the Chichester Nursery School team!

Finally, a couple of staff who are moving within our teams: Noelia, who has been working in the Up to 3s’ has moved to Nursery School to work with children in our SSC; and Kirsten, who has been Bank Staff in both the Up to 3s’ and Nursery School will soon be moving across to Nursery School until the end of the School year.

### **Summer is here!!!**

When the warm weather finally returns we need to make sure that all our children are safe in the sun. Please make sure your child is well prepared for the



sun when you bring them into Nursery and bear in mind that even cloudy days have the potential to turn into sunny ones.



### Sun hats:

We do have some Nursery sun hats but not enough for everyone and in any case children often feel happier wearing their own. If your child is bringing their own hat into Nursery, please do make sure it is clearly named.



### Sun cream:

We expect parents of children in Nursery School to apply sun cream at home before bringing them to school in the morning or afternoon. For children who are here all day we strongly advise the use of a brand that lasts all day – there are now quite a few types on the market, available from Boots and other well-known chemists.

For children in our Up to 3s' Nursery, we also expect children arriving in the morning or afternoon to have had high factor sun cream applied at home. If they are staying all day we will re-apply our own Factor 50 sun cream at lunchtime.



### Sandals:

These are lovely for warm weather but unfortunately are not suitable for the rough and tumble of the Nursery Garden, where toes can easily be stubbed or have things dropped on them.

We ask all our parents to send their children to Nursery in closed toe shoes – trainers, doodles and crocs are all good options.

I would like to reassure parents that staff are very aware of the need to keep children safe in the sun. They watch carefully for signs that children are getting too hot and send them inside to cool down if necessary. We also make sure that cool water is in plentiful supply, both inside and outside.

### **Thanks for Fruit**

We'd like to say thank you to all our parents/carers and children who bring fruit each week. The children are really proud to show their Keyworkers the fruit they have brought in and share their fruit with their friends at Grouptime.



### **Open Morning**

Having run Open Mornings virtually for the last year, we are so excited to be hosting one where people can actually attend IN PERSON and see our wonderful Nursery up close! This Open Morning will be held on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> June, from 9.30am until 12pm. Do spread the word amongst anyone you know who may be looking for a Nursery place in September.

## Holiday Care Deadlines

If you are a parent of Nursery School children and require holiday care for the May/June half term please ask for a form and return it to us by **Friday 14<sup>th</sup> May**.



Forms for holiday care over the Summer holidays will be available after half term and will need to be in by **Monday 28th June**.



## Reports

As I mentioned at the beginning of the Newsletter you may soon notice that some Keyworkers will be out of Nursery School more than usual – this is because they are writing reports for their children that will be leaving to go to school. If your child is leaving us at the end of this term, you will receive their final report from their Keyworker in the first week of July.

Although the writing of so many reports is quite a time consuming task for Keyworkers, it is always such a pleasure to see how much progress children have made during their time with us and we know we only play a small part in these achievements, as it is you, their parents and carers who have the biggest role in their development.

We hope you are pleased with your child's report when you get it but if you have any queries please talk to your child's Keyworker.

Up to 3s' children also receive reports, but these are now written just before they move through to Nursery School.

### **Chichester Inflatable 5K Fundraising Event**

As many of you know on 16<sup>th</sup> May I will be taking part in the Chichester Inflatable 5K, which has now been moved to



Goodwood Racecourse. This will involve running around the racecourse area to tackle various enormous inflatable obstacles (and getting covered in foam from a giant foam cannon at some point!)

'Why on earth would I consider such a ridiculous thing?' I hear you ask. The answer has to be, to raise money for our wonderful Nursery, of course! We are in desperate need of some new books and our funds are rather limited, so we would be incredibly grateful if you could donate with whatever amount you can at:

<https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/chichesternurseryschool>



## **Summer Raffle**

Another fundraising event to draw your attention to, is our Summer Raffle, which will be taking place shortly after half term. Sadly, we are unable to hold our Summer Fair again this year, due to Covid, which is a big fundraising opportunity for us, so we hope that this raffle will help us raise some funds instead.

We will have a hamper, packed with Summery goodies (including tickets to exciting venues and events, such as Goodwood Racing and Fishers Farm) – and possibly a couple of runner-up prizes of event/venue tickets!

Raffle tickets will go on sale immediately after half term and the money raised will be put towards the development of a Sensory Garden, in the small fenced area next to our SSC.

## **Leavers' Celebrations**

This is the sad bit - on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> July we will be saying goodbye to those children leaving to go to Primary Schools in September. We are delighted to be able to invite Parents and carers of leavers to join us for this celebration in the Nursery garden:



Morning Ceremony at 11am for:

- Morning children in Red and Blue and Orange groups
- SSC morning group
- Christina's Yellow C Group children

Afternoon Ceremony at 2pm for:

- Afternoon children in Blue group
- Purple group children
- Green group children
- Clare's Yellow D group
- SSC 30 hour children

If there are difficulties about attending please speak to your child's Keyworker about which session you would like to attend.

We will be gathering together outside for this farewell, where all children leaving the School will be given a special teddy as a parting gift.

Nursery sessions start at the normal time on this day, with parents returning for the Leavers' Ceremony. Do come armed with tissues as this is always an emotional day!



I would like to take this opportunity to thank all our parents and carers for your support in what has been such a difficult year for us all. I wish you all a very happy Summer!

If you are leaving us, please do keep in touch and come back and visit!

Ruth

## Dates for Your Diary

Sun 16 <sup>th</sup> May	<b>Chichester Inflatable 5K Fundraising Event</b> Please support us by donating through our justgiving account
Mon 31 <sup>st</sup> May-Fri 4 <sup>th</sup> June	<b>NURSERY SCHOOL HALF TERM</b> Pre-booked daycare only for all children
Mon 7 <sup>th</sup> June	Term Restarts after Half Term
W/B 5 <sup>th</sup> July	School Reports Out for Leavers
Fri 23 <sup>rd</sup> July	Last day of Term & Leavers' Ceremonies
Mon 23 <sup>rd</sup> - Fri 27 <sup>th</sup> Aug	<b>Nursery shutdown week. Whole of Nursery (Up to 3s' and Over 3s') closed!</b>
Tues 31 <sup>st</sup> Aug	<b>Up to 3s' Reopens.</b> Holiday care for returning children only – no holiday care for School Leavers
Thur 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sept	<b>Nursery School &amp; Up to 3s' closed for INSET Training</b>
Fri 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sept	<b>Nursery School &amp; Up to 3s' closed for INSET Training</b>
Mon 6 <sup>th</sup> Sept	<b>Term restarts for Up to 3s' Children.</b> Nursery School closed for Home Visits
Tues 7 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Existing Nursery School children return
Mon 25 <sup>th</sup> Oct-Fri 29 <sup>th</sup> Oct	<b>NURSERY SCHOOL HALF TERM</b> Pre-booked daycare only for all children