



Chichester
Nursery School

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Newsletters

Dear Parents and Carers,

Finally there are signs that nicer weather is on the way! I can't tell you how much we are enjoying not having to put waterproof clothing on every time we go in the garden!

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 School Family".

The Summer term is always a busy one with lots to fit in. As always, there is a list of key dates at the end of this booklet to help you keep track of everything that is going on. **This includes dates for the last day of the Nursery Year and the start of the new School Year in September** for those of you that like to plan ahead!

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Staffing Updates

In March we said goodbye to Hannah Mc who is now the proud mummy to baby Oliver, and welcomed our new Nursery Assistant Hattie into the 'Up to 3s'.

Adele is our new Keyworker for Pink Group in Nursery School. She has moved across to Chichester from one of our other Federation Nursery Schools. We are so pleased to have her join us.

Hannah S who covered Christina's maternity leave is now doing regular supply cover for us and saves the day on a regular basis!

Parking

A plea! If you are able to walk to Nursery we would appreciate it. Our car park, as you will have noticed,



gets very busy at the main drop off and pick up times. Parking on the yellow lines, on the roundabout or in front of the green fence/gates is prohibited and when it happens it means that our car park becomes a dangerous place to navigate. We understand that parents are often in a rush, but the safety of our children and families must come first. If there is not a **marked** parking space available, please park in one of the roads nearby. Please also note that if you are parking in a disabled bay you must display your blue badge.

Summer Term is here!!!

When the warm weather finally hits 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 in to 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 to apply sun cream to their child at home before bringing them to Nursery in the morning or afternoon. For children who are here all day we ask that you apply before Nursery as usual and bring a bottle to Nursery (please pass to the Keyworker and do not leave it in your child's bag, as bottles of suncream can easily get in to little hands), with their name on, which we will then reapply after lunch.



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 and doodles are 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.

Wellies

Although it may be Summer, there is no shortage of water and water play in the garden at this time of year and to avoid soggy shoes we encourage children to put their wellies on if they are exploring water. Please can you check that your child's wellies are in Nursery and that they still fit them, so we can try to look after their shoes.



POWS

We hope you enjoy receiving your child's 'POW Update' each half term, showing pictures of the things they get up to in Nursery and the progress they are making. We know that we are only part of the picture of your child's development so we would love it if you could send your child's Keyworker any pictures of things you get up to at home: perhaps a relative coming to visit, a trip to the farm, cooking or gardening together, or an activity they enjoy doing at home. Just reply to the email that your child's keyworker has sent you containing your child's POW.



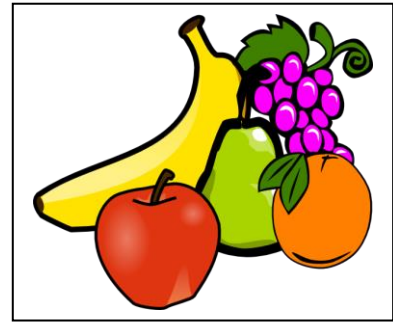
Holiday Care bookings

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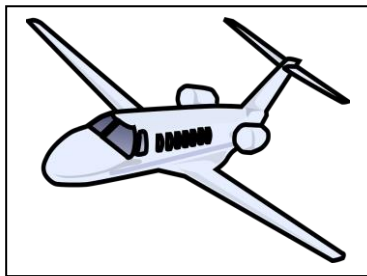
Summer half term holiday (27th – 31st May) are reminded that forms need to be in by **Friday 3rd May**. Forms can be collected from the foyer, just outside Nursery.

Fruit Donations

We'd like to say thank you to all our parents/carers and children who bring your contribution of two pieces of fruit each week. The children are really proud to talk



about and share the fruit they have brought in with their friends at Snack Time.



Holidays During Nursery Time

We have had notification of several families who are going away on holiday during Nursery time. We understand that whilst children are not of statutory school age it is popular to take a holiday in term time. However, because we employ consistent daily staffing, rather than ad-hoc 'shifts' we are unable to offer refunds for any absence. This is set out in the contracts and in both our 'Attendance' and 'Non-Payment of Fees' policies which are available to view on our website or parents can request a paper copy of these from the Nursery office. Please come and talk to Emma or Clare if you have any queries.

Pushchairs

The Early Help Hub staff have asked us to remind parents that they are not to leave buggies in the space between the two sliding doors as it causes congestion. You are welcome to leave buggies in the designated shelter.



Parents' Evening

Parent consultations for Nursery School children will take place on Wednesday 26th June.

The Up to 3s' consultations will take place on Wednesday 19th June and Wednesday 3rd July. (Some Keyworkers may run an additional session during the Nursery day, due to the number of children in their group.)

This is your opportunity to talk through your child's progress and discuss their 'next steps'.

For those children who are moving on to primary school it will also be an opportunity to discuss any concerns you might have about your child starting school.

Keyworkers will catch you to make an appointment nearer the time.

Please note: we are unable to look after any children during the consultations and it is better that children are not present during the meeting with your child's Keyworker, as this can be distracting for parents and carers but also makes it difficult to

talk about any more sensitive matters. Therefore, please find alternative arrangements for your children during this time or arrange to have your parent's evening appointment over the phone. Thank you.

Last Day of Term

Nursery School sessions will finish for the Summer Holidays at **lunchtime on 23rd July**. If your child is booked in for lunch and will be attending the Leavers' Celebration, we will keep hold of them until you arrive at 1pm. Do chat to your child's Keyworker if you want clarification on this.

The last day of Term for Up to 3s' children who are Funded will be Tuesday 23rd July at their usual finish time.

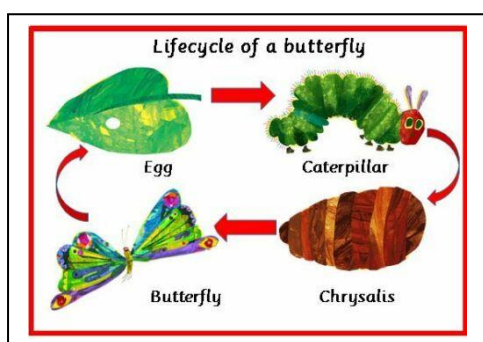
Leavers' Celebrations

This seems a long while away at the time of writing and we will send out reminders nearer the time, but on the afternoon of 23rd July at 1pm we will be saying goodbye to those children leaving to go to Primary School in September. We are delighted to be able to invite all of our leavers and their parents/carers to our Leavers' Celebration. (If it is not your child's usual day/session, please do come along).

We will be gathering together outside for this farewell, where all children leaving Nursery School will be given a special teddy as a parting gift. SSC children and parents will have a slightly different gathering in the Rainbow Room garden. Speak to

Jess for more details if you are a Rainbow Group parent.

Do come armed with tissues as this is always an emotional day! Once the celebrations are over, all children will be free to go home. There will be **no afternoon nursery session or tea session** on this day for Nursery School children.



Coming up soon....

Caterpillars

After the May Bank Holiday, we are expecting a special delivery of teeny tiny caterpillars. The children will

be able to watch the caterpillars eat and grow, until they form chrysalis', and then...who knows???! I'm sure the children will be excited to tell you about what is happening! Of course, our Core book for May could only be *The Very Hungry Caterpillar*.

Dates for your Diary

Overleaf is a quick reference guide to the dates you need to know about. We have included dates for the beginning of the new school year in September for those of you that need to plan ahead for work etc.



Dates for Your Diary

Fri 3 rd May	Holiday Care Booking Forms in by this date
Mon 6 th May	May Bank Holiday – Nursery School & Up to 3s’ Nursery Closed
Fri 24 th May	INSET Day (We will be completing our Level 3 Makaton training) - Nursery School and Up to 3s’ Nursery Closed
Mon 27 th May- Fri 31 st May	HALF TERM Pre-booked holiday care only for all children from Tues – Fri due to the Bank Holiday Monday
Mon 3 rd June	Term Restarts after Half Term
Weds 19 th June	Up to 3s’ Parent Consultation Meetings
Weds 26 th June	Nursery School Parent Consultation Meetings
Weds 3 rd July	Up to 3s’ Parent Consultation Meetings
Tues 23 rd July	<p><u>Last Day of Summer Term</u> <u>ALL children who will be returning to Nursery School in September will finish at 12 noon (12:45pm if they have lunch).</u> <u>Please collect accordingly.</u></p> <p>In the afternoon we will be holding our Leavers’ celebration for all of our children who will be starting school in September. If your child is a 30 hours child they will attend as usual in the morning and parents are invited to come in at 1pm for the celebration and take their child home afterwards. Morning children will attend as usual and are invited back with their parents at 1pm. Afternoon children are invited to attend at 1pm with their parents and go home after the celebration</p>

Weds 24 th July	SUMMER HOLIDAYS BEGIN Pre-booked holiday care only for Nursery School children and 2 Year Funded children
Mon 26 th – Fri 30 th Aug	Nursery shutdown week. Whole of Nursery closed!
Mon 2 nd Sept	INSET DAY – Nursery School and Up to 3s' Nursery Closed
Tues 3 rd Sept	INSET DAY – Nursery School and Up to 3s' Nursery Closed
Weds 4 th Sept	Nursery School closed for Home Visits Up to 3s' Nursery reopens
Thurs 5 th Sept	Term restarts for all returning Nursery School children. New children will be given their start date in their Welcome Pack.
Fri 6 th Sept	Returning Nursery School children only and Up to 3s' children as usual. New children will be given their start date in their Welcome Pack.

A note from Ruth, Executive Headteacher:

We had a fantastic shared INSET Day with the other Nursery Schools in the Federation at the start of this term, beginning to look at our shared values and what we aim for and believe in working with our children and families!

It's great seeing the Nursery so busy and full with all the new children starting! I have loved seeing all the children and families interacting with the Shark in the Park display and I can't wait to see the excitement of the caterpillars arriving and the children immersing themselves in our new Core Book.

Ruth