



Newsletter

3-5s Nursery June 2019

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Dear parents and carers

Another half term has been and gone and now we are heading to the final 6 weeks of the term. Some of your children are busy getting ready to transition to big school. It can be an unsettling time for them with lots of information being given about 'what big school' is like. They will also have a variety of visits to their schools and from their teachers. Please can you let us know when your child's visit is. On Thursday 27th June we will be having our 'Getting Ready for School' Evening - at this we invite you for a child-free glass of wine. We will talk to you about what you can do to support your child for 'big school' (if they are going to mainstream). For those of you staying with us - we look forward to working with you again in September.



Thursday 27th June - Getting Ready for School Evening, 7pm

Fri 28th June - INSET Day - Nursery closed

Weds 10th July - Leavers Reports for parents

Fri 12th July - return of book bags and library books for leavers

Thursday 18th July - last day of Nursery sessions

Friday 19th July - Leavers Picnic

***New dates added**

Book bags - if your child is leaving us this summer, we kindly ask parents to return their child's book bag so they can be used for the new group of children. If they can be returned before Friday 12th July, we would be very grateful.

Library books - we also ask that you return any outstanding library books by Friday 12th July.

End of term - In order to support the end of term, if you are planning to be on holiday, please let us know so that we can prepare your paperwork before you leave.

Sponsored Challenge - wow wow wow! Our total is in and rising all the time - combined with the 2-3s sponsorship, as a Nursery School we have raised over £2,000!! This is phenomenal achievement and we are thrilled. FOND will be counting the final total and will let us know soon. There will also be Gift Aid to add to the donations. Thank you to everyone who donated - its not too late if you

still want to donate <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/dnscc19>

Family Fun Day - this is on Friday 19th July, all children will attend for the session only, from 10am until midday. Please book the date as for one day only as each child will need to have a parent or family adult with them, which means you get to join the fun too! There will be games and activities available throughout the morning and then at the end of the session we will meet outside for a final farewell picnic. (Please note that we cannot accommodate older siblings and please bring a picnic for yourself and your child.) There will be a separate letter coming out soon with more information.

Parking - there are number of parents beginning to park in the nursery parking spaces at drop off and pick up. We only have 6 allocated spaces and they are for our families with children with special needs and disabilities. Please can everyone respect this and the bays for our neighbours in the flats opposite.

Fees - the office team are busy with invoices and will be issuing these soon for the end of the year. Can we please ask that you ensure this is settled before the end of term.

Termly reminders - don't forget your box of tissues to donate. We would also like to remind parents to make their £5 donation if they are able to which helps us to fund things like Forest School, cooking and malleable resources such as playdough.

Additional sessions - if you want your child to do extended sessions or lunchclub to support the transition to Big School - let us know, our sessions are filling up fast!

Staying safe leaving nursery - please make sure you have your own child with you as you leave nursery and go through the gate, avoid them walking ahead or wandering with friends. There has been an incident recently where a child was playing hide and seek from their parent around the corner of The Old House. Please keep your child with you at all times and be vigilant about who is with you when you go through the gate.

There are also a number of older siblings at 3.30pm drop off who are swinging on the gates and climbing over the wall from the car park. Please can we ask that you encourage your child to respect the nursery property.

Nursery spaces - we have some spaces available in the 3-5s Nursery next year, if you know someone who has a child turning 3 and looking for a Nursery place, please ask them to contact the office.

Clothes - with the warmer weather, we ask the children to come prepared to be outside - therefore, sensible shoes for climbing and running (ideally trainers, no crocs or sandals), covered shoulders and caps. Please ensure they have had sun cream applied before they come to nursery as this will last them for the session. Sunglasses are not allowed.

There are some days where it can also be chilly in the garden until the sun is above the building. Therefore we ask that children have jackets/hoodies with them.

Children's Centre update - At the beginning of this year Surrey County Council confirmed that there would be changes to Children's Centres. As a result of this from September 2019 there will be one Centre serving the whole of Mole Valley. This new centre will be called 'Mole Valley Family Centre' and will be based at the Goodwyns Road site in Dorking.

The Family Centre will continue to support families through an outreach service into homes and will visit families who are referred to them from across the whole of Mole Valley. The Family Centre will not be able to offer universal Stay and Play sessions as the 2 Children's Centres have previously done, but staff will be able to signpost families to other sessions run in the community.

The Family Centre will continue to work closely with health partners and will be able to offer targeted groups for families who are experiencing issues such as post-natal depression, domestic violence, mental health and children with additional needs.

In order to move to this new model of service we will be closing some of our universal sessions during this coming term. The final session of the Thursday Stay and Play at West Street will be on June 13th. From Thursday June 20th, Kickers and Crawlers at Goodwyns Road will merge with the health clinic. A play area, feeding support and post-natal advice and information will still be available from 1 to 3pm but there will not be a full Kickers and Crawlers session.

The final Stay and Play session on a Friday at West Steet will be on 12th July and the Stay and Play groups at Goodwyns will close on Monday 22nd July and Tuesday 23rd July.

For further updates and information about what is on, visit our website

<https://www.dorkingnurserychildrenscentre.org.uk/childrens-centre> or follow us on Facebook

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We will let you now about the new Family Centre timetable as soon as we can.

Surrey SEND Questionnaire – The Personal Outcomes Evaluation Tool (POET) is a short, anonymous questionnaire for parents, carers, children and young people and anyone who works with children and young people who receive additional SEN support, or have an Education Health and Care Plan (EHCP). If you would like to respond, then please do so



Have your say on support for 0-25 year olds with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND).

Complete the POET questionnaire
www.surreylocaloffer.org.uk/poet



<https://www.surreylocaloffer.org.uk/kb5/surrey/localoffer/site.page?id=tY1GNTkBUh0>



Good luck Gill - Gill who works in our 3-5s Nursery is completing the Muddy Run for Cancer Research this year with her daughters. If you would like to sponsor her, then please use the link

<https://fundraise.cancerresearchuk.org/page/gills-race-for-life-1057>

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