



Newsletter

3-5s Nursery November 2018

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Dear parents and carers

Hello November! The clocks have gone back and the days are getting shorter, it most certainly now feels as if we are heading for winter. The children have all been busy in Nursery getting to know each other and find their feet.



Monday 19th November 1pm (West Street)/

Tuesday 20th November 11am (Goodwyns Road) - Open sessions to talk to Donna and Helen about the CC Consultation

Thursday 13th December - 3-5s Sing a long (more details to follow)

Friday 14th December - Christmas Jumper Day in aid of Save the Children

Tuesday 18th December - Christmas Party (children will come either for the morning or the afternoon, not normal sessions)

Wednesday 19th December - last day of term and pyjama day!

Thurs 20th December to Friday 4th January - Nursery closed for Christmas

Monday 7th January - Nursery re opens

Tuesday 15th January - School admissions deadline

Fri 28th June - INSET Day - Nursery closed

Thursday 18th July - last day of Nursery sessions

Friday 19th July - Leavers Picnic

***New dates added**



Save the Children - We will be supporting Save the Children Christmas Jumper day on Friday 14th December. Please donate £1 in return for your child wearing their festive clothing.

FOND - thank you to everyone who had a good clear out and donated their fabric recycling for Phil the Bag. We could not believe the amount that was donated! It was collected today and will be weighed. Each lb of weight will result in a donation to FOND - thank you so much!



FOND Christmas Raffle - FOND are collecting donations for their raffle, either a prize or something to go into the hampers. If you have something, then please bring it into the office. Raffle tickets will go on sale at the end of the month and the raffle will be drawn on Monday 17th December.

Tapestry - if you have not yet activated your account, please can you do so. If you need your password resetting, please let the office know. Also, the photos and images that are shared with you are not to be shared further via social networking.

Forest School - We are off to Forest School on our first adventure this year. We will be discovering a new natural environment and playing games as we explore, tuning in all our senses as we do so. We will take a look in the pond to see what is living in there at this time of year. We will also be thinking about woodland animals and building mini dens for our furry or prickly friends.

This will be the first of 5 Forest School visits throughout the year, so that the children will be able to observe both the changing seasons and inevitably the changing weather as well. We always play games, explore the natural environment and take part in fun activities, as well as the obvious favourite of drinking hot chocolate or juice! We will keep you posted on Tapestry as to our daily adventures. Please take a look at the Forest School board in the main 3-5s classroom or the information folder in the library for more detailed information including the history and benefits of Forest School. Thank you to all the volunteers who are helping us with Forest School, we really could not do it without you!



Mobile Phones - there are a number of parents who are on their phones while waiting to collect or drop off their children, particularly while waiting in the library. Please can I ask that you refrain from doing so and you may be asked to leave the building. This is part of our safeguarding policy to protect all the children.

Walking to the entrance gate from West Street - there continue to be a number of families arriving through the Pets Corner car park and then allowing their children to walk on the driveway to the black gate. It is vital that all families enter the drive from West Street within the silver railings adjacent to the Old House. I urge families to hold their child's hand at all times too.

Car parking/dropping off - there continue to be a very small number of parents in the car park at the beginning and end of sessions and being dropped off by a family member who is then waiting for them, or parking in the residents bays for the flats. Our car park is not big enough for this to happen and our spaces are reserved for families in our SEN unit or with a disabled permit. There are also some families with a permit, parking at Nursery and then going to town to shop. If that is the case, we politely ask that your car is moved as we need the spaces throughout the day for visitors. Please use alternative car parks when being dropped off and collected and walk the short distance to nursery. Please share this with other carers who may also bring your child.

Coats, coats, coats - parents may not realise the amount of time their children spend outside when they are with us! They love exploring the environment outside, therefore, it is vital they have a named coat in Nursery each day - even if it looks sunny in the morning.

Earrings - there are a number of children wearing earrings to nursery. We ask that all earrings are removed during the day as the children will be running and climbing.

Attendance - please remember to call us if your child will be absent for illness or appointments. Sarah will call to follow up all unexplained absences and if we are unable to contact you, we will then make contact with your emergency numbers.

£5 termly voluntary contribution - thank you to those of you who have made your £5 termly contribution to the Nursery. This supports the costs of additional resources, experiences such as

Forest School, resources to make playdough, cooking, etc. If you have not done so yet, we would be very grateful if you could make a donation to us so we can continue to provide the very best for your child.

Tissues - achool! We ask families to donate a box of tissues to us, this means more money in the budget for other things, and helps us keep noses clean!

Oranges - please do not bring oranges in for the fruit bowl as we have an allergy in the building.

Voice of the child - At Group Time several children expressed some apprehension about the troll in the 3 Billy Goats Gruff story. As a result we all discussed why we thought he might be cross or grumpy: 'People and animals kept banging on his house', 'he didn't do good talking or listening to others to let them know there was something wrong'. After he got bumped into the water the children decided he would find a new house by the beach and Milly suggested 'He will be happy then and he would be our friend'. In other words 'They all lived happily ever after!'

Tesco blue tokens - We are yet again in the Tesco Blue Token collection - in Dorking, Horley and Gatwick. This time the tokens are to fund some parenting courses within our Children's Centre. Please donate your token whenever you are shopping there, although you may have to ask for the token as they are not very generous at giving them out.

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Bags of Help



Thank you Scott's - thanks to our friends at Scott's Tree Surgery who gave up their time to tidy up our garden area in the front of the nursery building. It is looking amazing. The team are coming back this week to help tidy our Forest School. Thanks so much!

Doula Family Event - Sat 17th November - Doula UK is pleased to host Dorking's first Bumps, Birth & Babies Community Event in support of the Doula Access Fund Charity on Saturday November 17th at Crossways Community Baptist Church. This free family friendly event will feature local pregnancy, birth and postnatal support and services, a raffle and café.

 **Doula UK**
Positive birth.
Supporting families.

Bumps, Birth and Babies Event
Dorking, Saturday 17th November 10am - 4pm
Crossways Community Baptist Church Junction Rd, RH4 3HB
(opposite Waitrose Carpark)

Guildford Cloth Nappy Library
nearly new baby items for sale
café with space for buggies and children's activities
facepainting, great raffle prizes!
slings & baby carriers to try and to buy
meet and chat with local doulas
FREE GOODY BAG FOR FIRST 50 ENTRANTS



search for 'Dorking Bumps, Birth & Babies Community Event' to find our Facebook page with more information about the day or scan the QR code
stallholders email conference@doula.org.uk



Children's Centre Consultation - You will have seen from recent messages via parentmail and social media, as well as the local press, there is a consultation out looking at the future of Surrey's Children's Centres. The document is not easy to read and does not share the full extent of the implications of the proposals. We are hosting two drop in sessions to talk to parents who want to know more. We are also about to share with you a summary of our thoughts about the consultation which might help you to complete it. The open sessions are Monday 19th November 1pm (West Street) and Tuesday 20th November (Goodwyns Road). If you want to read more, then visit <https://www.surreysays.co.uk/csf/family-resilience-childrens-centres/>

School open days

Although it might seem very soon in the school year, the Admissions window to submit a primary school application for your child is open. Local schools are hosting Open Mornings over the coming weeks, and I would urge you all to go and look at the schools you are considering for your child, see the dates overleaf. Choosing a school is like buying a house - it needs to 'feel right' for you as a family, therefore, listening to the gossip of others and relying on hearsay are not the right way to make this important decision. We are more than happy to advise you with regard to the admissions process and can also help you to complete the form, however, we are not able to advise on the school choice for you. The deadline for applications is 15th January 2019.



I also advise all our families with children in the SEN unit to make a mainstream application.

Regards
Donna Harwood-Duffy
Headteacher

National Support School
designated by

National College for
Teaching & Leadership



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Dorking Schools' Partnership

"Working Together to Provide Quality Education for all Children"

PRIMARY SCHOOL OPEN DAYS

SCHOOL	PHONE	DATES AND TIMES OF OPEN DAYS
 Dorking Nursery School & Children's Centre www.dorkingnurserychildrenscentre.org.uk	01306 882397	Please telephone to arrange a visit.
 Newdigate C of E Infant School www.newdigate.surrey.sch.uk	01306 631353	Fri 16 th Nov 2.00-3.00pm Mon 19 th Nov 9.30-10.30am
 North Downs Primary School www.northdowns.surrey.sch.uk	01737 843384	Brockham Base: Wed 31 st Oct 9.30am Betchworth Base: Thurs 1 st Nov 9.30am Head's talk at 9.30am then tours
 Powell Corderoy Primary School http://powellcorderoy.co.uk	01306 883373	Tues 30 th Oct 10.00am Wed 31 st Oct 10.00am
 Scott-Broadwood C of E Infant School www.sbinfant.uk	01306 711181	Tues 6 th Nov 1.30pm Wed 7 th Nov 9.30am
 St. John's C of E Primary School www.stjohnsdorking.uk	01306 884506	Mon 12 th Nov 9.30-11.30am & 5.30-7.00pm
 St. Joseph's Catholic Primary School www.stjosephsschooldorking.co.uk	01306 883934	Thurs 1 st Nov & Wed 14 th Nov Head's talk at 9.30am then tours
 St. Martin's C of E Primary School www.stmartins-primary.surrey.sch.uk	01306 883474	Mon 5 th & Fri 9 th Nov 1.30-3.00pm Head's talk at 1.45pm then tours
 St. Michael's C of E (A) Infant School www.stmichaels-dorking.surrey.sch.uk	01372 373717	Fri 16 th Nov 9.30-11.00am Mon 19 th Nov 1.15-2.45pm Head's talk at 9.30 & 1.15 then tours
 St. Paul's C of E Primary School www.stpaulsschool-dorking.co.uk	01306 883547	Thurs 8 th 9.30-11.00am Fri 9 th Nov 9.30-11.00am
 Surrey Hills Primary School www.surreyhillsprimaryschool.org.uk	01306 881136	Abinger Base: Mon 12 th & Fri 16 th Nov 9.15-10.15am Head's talk at 9.30am
 The Weald C of E Primary School www.wealdprimaryschool.co.uk	01306 711719	Tues 13 th Nov 6.30-8.00pm Fri 16 th Nov 10.00-11.30am

The Dorking Schools' Partnership also includes the following schools:

The Ashcombe Secondary School
 Website: www.ashcombe.surrey.sch.uk

The Priory Secondary School
 Website: www.thepriorycofe.com