



Newsletter



3-5s Nursery October 2017

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Dear parents and carers

We are already in October and 4 weeks into the term. The children have settled so well so far - I am sure you are proud of how they are doing. Please read this newsletter carefully for any information and dates that you may not be aware of. There are lots of 'start of term' reminders!

We are moving into the 21st Century here at Dorking Nursery and CC with a variety of social media accounts! Follow us on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram. (I have to be honest, I am learning both Twitter and Instagram!) Our social media will be one of the quickest ways of sharing information and updates with you.



We are also using it to 'spread the word' about our Nursery and CC. We have recently discovered that many families (including current ones) do not realise how we are unique and the only maintained nursery school in the area. To support this, we are sharing stories to demonstrate the impact that the Nursery and CC has on families lives. Have you read the alumni stories on our website?

<http://www.dorkingnurserychildrenscentre.org.uk/news/dnsc-alumni>

If you were an ex-DNSCC pupil, know someone who was, or have a memory or story to share, please let me know as we would love to hear from you!



Dorking children go gilliangladrag-fluffatorium crazy!

We have been working with Gilliangladrag Fluffatorium in West Street to create a felt wall hanging. The masterpiece, created with the children and some parents will be travelling around Dorking!! It is currently on display in the Dorking



Library - please check it

out!! Take a photo of

your child next to it and email it into me to share on our Facebook page (head@dorking.surrey.sch.uk) or share it on social media with the hashtag #WeareDorking!

Keep your eyes peeled - where will it end up next!!!





We welcome Steph to our staff team! Steph joins us from a local Surrey school and is one of our qualified teachers in the 3-5s nursery. We will be shortly sharing staff blogs on the website and social media - so watch this space!



Ensuring the safety of your child is paramount. The following reminders are for your child's safety:-

Entrance gate - the black gate at the bottom of the drive must be closed at all times. Often, little ones can go running down the drive and this leads straight out into the entrance to the car park.

Walking to the entrance gate from West Street - I have noticed recently that some families are 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.

Hot drinks and mobile phones - are not permitted inside the building. Please do not be offended if the office staff do not allow you through the door with a drink or talking on your phone.

Car parking/dropping off - there are a number of parents arriving 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. 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. The other numbered spaces are for the residents at the Fire Station. Please use alternative car parks when being dropped off and collected and walk the short distance to nursery.

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.

Sickness - vomiting and diarrhoea! - not the nicest subject to discuss, however, it is vital that after any sickness bug (where your child has had sickness or diarrhoea, the Surrey policy is that your child does not return to Nursery until they have been clear of any symptoms for 48 hours. This is to stop the bugs spreading.



Our **Breakfast Club** launched last week and is already proving successful! Club runs from 8am - 8.45am, therefore is ideal if you are dashing off to work! **Lunchclub** is also running now. Lunchclub is from 11.45am - 12.30pm.

We only allow extensions to your child's session once they are settled in their universal core session. If you are keen to extend your session, please speak to your child's key person in the first instance. Sarah in the office will be able to advise you regarding prices and terms and conditions.

Thanks for Donating!

Sadly, our school budget is getting smaller each year. The large majority of the budget we are given by the local authority is spent on the wonderful staff at the Nursery and CC. Therefore, we rely heavily on donations and fundraising to enable us to provide the opportunities your child is experiencing.

£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 - achoo! 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!

Fantastic FOND - FOND are our fundraising charitable organisation. They have just made a donation to the Nursery and CC of £3,000! This is being spent on outside resources for the children to enjoy. The committee want to raise more! If you can help or have any ideas, please join the fundraising team at the Nursery on Friday 13th October, just after morning drop off!



Last year, one of our parents, Sam Walters did the London Ride 100 in aid of our Nursery and CC - he raised over £600! Look out for Sam's story this week on Facebook and our website. Are you or someone you know looking for a charity for a sponsored event? If so, how about doing it for the children of Dorking Nursery and CC!



TAPESTRY

ONLINE LEARNING JOURNAL

You will have recently received or will soon be receiving an automated email from TAPESTRY, asking you to set up your account. We are using Tapestry this year to share photographs and observations of your child with you. This is a secure site, where you need a log in to be able to access the account. You can also download an app to access it more easily on your smartphone. If you have not yet received your email, or been unsuccessful in activating your account, please let your key person know as we can easily reset it.

Staff are using iPods and iPads to take images of your child. I can assure you these are Nursery owned devices which do not leave the building. They are secure on our network. Although they may look like the staff are on phones and other devices, it would be a breach of their contract to do so. Your child's safety is paramount.

Voice of the child

Whilst in the garden the children heard a siren! Alfie stated; "It's an ambulance can we see it?". An adult asked; "Is there anywhere in our garden that we can see the road?" To which Alfie put his fingers to his eyes and said "My eyes can stretch!!"

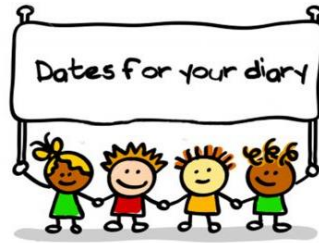
School open days

Although it might seem very soon in the school year, the Admissions window to submit a primary school application for your child opens on Monday 30th October. 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. 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 2018.

I also advise all our families with children in the SEN unit make a mainstream application. The full list of Dorking Schools open days was sent out last week by parentmail, and is attached at the back of this newsletter.



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Friday 13th October - FOND Meeting, West Street site, just after drop off!

Friday 20th October - last day of Nursery for half term

Monday 23rd October - Friday 27th October - Nursery Closed

Monday 30th October - Nursery Closed for staff training

Tuesday 31st October - Nursery reopens

Friday 15th December - 3-5s Sing a long - more details to follow

Wednesday 20th December - 3-5s Christmas party! - more details to follow

Thursday 21st December - Pyjama Day - more details to follow

Thursday 21st December - last day of Nursery before Christmas

Friday 22nd December - Wednesday 3rd January - Nursery closed for Christmas

Thursday 4th January 2018 - Nursery reopens

Regards

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Headteacher

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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 17 th Nov 2.00pm Mon 20 th Nov 9.30am
 North Downs Primary School www.northdowns.surrey.sch.uk	01737 843384	Brockham: Wed 1 st Nov 9.30am Betchworth: Thurs 2 nd Nov 9.30am Head's talk 9.30am then tours
 Powell Corderoy Primary School http://powellcorderoy.co.uk	01306 883373	Tues 7 th Nov 9.30am Wed 8 th Nov 1.45pm
 Scott-Broadwood C of E Infant School www.sbinfant.uk	01306 711181	Wed 15 th Nov 1.30pm Thurs 16 th Nov 9.30am
 St. John's C of E Primary School www.stjohnsdorking.uk	01306 884506	Mon 13 th Nov 9.30 -11.30am & 5.30-7.00pm
 St. Joseph's Catholic Primary School www.stjosephsschooldorking.co.uk	01306 883934	Wed 1 st Nov. & Tues 7 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 6 th & Fri 10 th Nov 1.30pm 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 13 th Oct 9.15-11.00am Mon 16 th Oct 1.15-3.00pm
 St. Paul's C of E Primary School www.stpaulsschool-dorking.co.uk	01306 883547	Thurs 9 th & Fri 10 th Nov 9.30-11.30am Head's talk at 9.45am
 Surrey Hills Primary School www.surreyhillsprimaryschool.org.uk	01306 881136	Abinger Tues 14 th Nov 9.15 Yr R intake Westcott Wed 15 th Nov 9.15 Yr 3 intake Head's talk 9.30am
 The Weald C of E Primary School www.wealdprimaryschool.co.uk	01306 711719	Fri 17 th Nov 9.30-11am & 1.30-3.00pm

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

Chart Wood School

Website: www.chart-wood-school.info