



# Tenterfield Nursery School

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Dear Parents,  
Almost half term already! The new children are settled well and everyone is learning lots!

We are so pleased that Miss Isher will be returning to work after half term. The governors have fully supported that, on her return, her working pattern will be Monday to Wednesdays with myself staying on to share the role on Thursdays and Fridays. Please be assured, as has always been the case, that the head is accessible for you to discuss any concerns whichever day of the week it is and we have a system in place to ensure effective communication between ourselves!

Mrs Brankin continues to get better and we hope she will be back with us at Easter.

Don't forget, if you have any questions, just ask! Thanks for your continued support for the Tenterfield team. Hannah Isher, Megan Wilcox.

**Twitter:** Don't forget to request to follow us on

@TenterfieldNSCC

## News on the 9th February 2017

### Dates for the diary

- ★ 13th-17th February - Half term week
- ★ Holiday club open, please book at the office
- ★ Children's Centre activities on, see programme
- ★ Book Week 27th February – March 3rd with dressing up for World Book Day on Thursday 2nd
- ★ Literacy Awareness Day on March 1st, open sessions, details to follow.
- ★ Wednesday 22nd March—Special Learning Book sharing
- ★ Parent consultations for all groups 27th - 30th March –signing up after half term
- ★ Term ends March 31st.
- ★ Holiday Club open 3rd—13th April
- ★ Term starts Tuesday 18th April

### Nursery applications

**Nursery online applications** for September 2017 opened on **Monday 6th February 2017** for children born between 1st September 2013 and 31st August 2014. If you have friends and family who would like to apply for a place at Tenterfield please ask them to call the nursery to arrange a visit.

If you need internet access to complete your online application please let us know and we can arrange for you to use the laptops at one of our children's centres.

#### **30 hour offer September 2017**

We are finalising our offer from September and would welcome the opinions of past, present and future parents. Please make your views known by taking part in our survey as soon as possible.

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/P3LVR2V>

If you want to talk about your options for September, please arrange to talk to me. We want to make sure this works for our working parents without compromising the 15 hour offer for non working families. Quality is paramount and we are leading countywide workshops to explore how our wraparound offer can be a strong foundation for the new 30 hour extended offer required by the government later in the year.

Thanks to all of you who have contributed to the fundraising plans. Lots of enthusiasm, just need the volunteers to come forward. Details to follow and watch the boards outside for next meeting date. If you want to be included in email discussions let the office know and we will pass your details to the group.

### Parents of little boys?

In conjunction with our children's centre team we are re-running our successful 'Understanding Boys' workshop on Saturday 25th February from 10 to 2.30. Please ask for a leaflet with more details and to book a place ring the bookings line : **07746560577**  
<http://www.welwynknebworthcc.org.uk>

### Two year olds at Tenterfield

You should have received a letter by parent-mail regarding the consultation to lower our admission age to 2. The main aim is to support families eligible for free two year old places although we hope to offer a few parent funded places to those who just miss out each term. Please reply to the council's consultation at:

<https://beta.hertfordshire.gov.uk/about-the-council/consultations/schools/consultation-on-the-proposal-for-tenterfield-nursery-to-offer-nursery-provision-to-2-year-olds.aspx>

### Mud, mud, glorious mud!

Apologies for the mud and water coming home on some clothes, children can't resist puddles and are real dirt magnets! We do make sure any water play is warm at this time of the year and encourage them to change if they get wet. Experiencing sensory play is an essential part of early development, so please bear this in mind when getting ready for school each day.

For more reading visit:  
<http://www.dirtisgood.com/uk/home.html>



### Snack donations

Thanks to all of you who donated via direct debit last term, it does help us and saves Miss Roberts counting so many pennies!

If you can make your donation this way again this term, the suggested amount is £11 per half term or £20 per term by cheque in envelope to office or directly into our bank account noting family name and snack donate. Bank account sort code: 20-17-19 account no: 13526062.

Thanks

**Photos:** A reminder to those who haven't let us have a family photo for our group boards. It really helps the children to link to home during the day and for the staff to refer to home life to help children make sense of their world. Thanks.

**Pancake Race 28th February 4 pm for 20 minutes.**

A series of team relay races will take place in Codicote Road, between St Mary's Church and the Wellington pub.

Teams of 5 are welcome to register in the churchyard at 3.45 pm.

There will be races for children and adults. Themed team dress welcome.

Each team to bring one frying pan.

No costs, no prizes, just for fun!

Spectators welcome – come and join in the fun!

We are hoping to enter a staff team!

Thanks to all of you who make contact to let us know when your child is not coming to school. We do have a legal responsibility to ring any "no shows", so ring or email as soon as you realise we won't be seeing you that day. Thanks