



# Tenterfield Nursery School

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Dear Parents,  
Welcome back to Nursery this week and how lovely to welcome our new children who join us this week. We hope you all had an enjoyable Christmas and New Year, and on behalf of all the staff I would like to say a big thank you for all the kind messages and gifts that you gave to us at the end of term.

As it is starting to get colder now please do ensure your child has appropriate clothing available for playing outside as we do continue to use the outdoor classroom whatever the weather! It's hard to name gloves but they can be attached by elastic through the sleeves. Named clothing really helps us track your child's clothing, please borrow a sharpie from us if you need to!

Miss Smith has now left us to go on maternity leave and we welcome Katie McLaughlin in her place from later this month.

Some of you may have seen Miss Isher in school, her year off is nearly up and she will be in school keeping in touch on Tuesdays over the next few weeks until her return after half term

Do let me know if there is anything you are unclear about life here at Tenterfield , we always welcome questions!

Megan Wilcox

## News on the 9th January 2017

### Dates for the diary

- ★ January 9th Term starts for all children
- ★ Parent meetings for new starters—30th January, sign up from next week
- ★ 13th-17th February - Half term week
- ★ Holiday club open, please book at the office
- ★ Book Week 27th February– March 3rd with dressing up for world book day on Thursday
- ★ 2nd
- ★ Literacy Awareness Day on March 1st , open sessions and evening workshop, details to follow.
- ★ Wednesday 22nd March—Special Learning Book sharing
- ★ Parent consultations for all groups 27-30 March
- ★ Term ends March 31st.

### Twitter

Don't forget to request to follow us on @TenterfieldNSCC . Our new year resolution is to tweet action from the nursery each day!

### Thank you...

It was great to see so many of you at the end of term performances and thank you too for taking part in the raffle which raised £189 and helped to provide the special gifts that the children received from our special visitor at the end of term.

### School and Nursery applications

Don't forget Reception applications for September 2016 must be completed online before **January 15th 2017**. If your child is summer born and you are considering deferring their start in Reception please speak to us if you need further information or would like to discuss how this would work.

**Nursery online applications** for September 2017 will open 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 me know and we can arrange for you to use the laptops at one of our children's centres.

## Parents of little boys?

In conjunction with our children's centre team we are rerunning our successful; Understanding Boys workshop on Saturday 25th February from 10 to 2.30. Please ask for a leaflet with more details or visit the childrens' centre website.

<http://www.welwynknebworthcc.org.uk>

To book a place ring the bookings line : **07746560577**

## 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

## One to one support needed January to July

We have accessed funding to support children with additional needs and use our own staff where possible. However we do need an extra pair of hands and are looking for someone who has a good command of English and can work 8.30—12 each morning. No qualifications needed, please pass this vacancy on to anyone you think might be suitable for this post. Please contact me for further information on this role.

## Forest Schools

The staff enjoyed a Forest School INSET morning on January 5th. It was so cold but also exciting as it helped the team to think about how we will extend our Forest schools offer this year.

We hope to have days across at the Welwyn St Marys wild area as well as apply some of our learning in our own garden.

Let us know if you want to be more involved as a forest schools volunteer. We will be running weekly sessions on Fridays from the end of January.



## 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/P3LV2V>

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.

Safer Internet Day 2017 will take place on **Tuesday 7th February** with the theme 'Be the change: unite for a better internet'

Have you set the parent controls on any devices your children use at home?

Find out how to make internet access safer at home on the Internet Matters website: <http://bit.ly/ParentCont>

Useful articles on internet safety and other issues for parents on:

<http://parentinfo.org/>

Read the latest herts for Learning e safety news for parents at:

[http://www.thegrid.org.uk/eservices/safety/news/newsletters/documents/esafety\\_newsletter\\_parent\\_spr17.pdf](http://www.thegrid.org.uk/eservices/safety/news/newsletters/documents/esafety_newsletter_parent_spr17.pdf)