



Tenterfield Nursery School

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News on the 9th November 2017

Wow, what a busy month it has been. A HUGE thank you to all who have supported our events.

The EYFS open day on October 20th was particularly successful with many more parents or grandparents supporting the event than previous evening workshops. Thank you for taking the time to fill out a feedback form, your feedback is a vital component of effective home-school partnership. You told us you would like more days like these, Fridays were a good time and you suggested some fantastic topics for future workshops. We were also asked if we had a CD with the songs we sing in nursery. What a great idea! We are going to get this moving along as soon as possible!

Best wishes, Mrs Williams

Dates for the diary

November

Friday 17th November - Occasional Day (nursery and wraparound closed).

December

Friday 1st December - Thursday 7th December: Parent consultations. Please book in at office or by email.

Tuesday 12th December - Dress rehearsal 9:30am and 1:00pm

Friday 15th December - Christmas performance 9:30am

Tuesday 19th December - Nursery Christmas parties with a special visitor coming at 11:00am and 2:30pm, parents will be invited to join us at these times.

Tuesday 19th December - Term ends

Wednesday 20th - Friday 23rd December - Christmas holiday club

Thursday 4th January - Spring Term starts



This months BURNING question (please pop your answer into the box at the door)

What is the best way for you to receive information from Tenterfield?

(facebook, email, newsletter, Instagram etc.)

Winter illnesses

Please let us know if your child is going to be off nursery due to sickness. The office staff have to ring to find out if we don't hear from you. Thanks and stay well!

Hats and gloves

We are seeing some amazing bobble hats and it's great to see all the children looking warm and snug ready for their outdoor play. However they quickly disappear if not named. It's hard to label a hat but just initials with a pen would help, ask us if you need to use a sharpie pen!

Please return anything that may have come home that does not belong to your child as we know how easily that can happen.

Wraparound bookings

Please remember to book your Christmas holiday wraparound sessions as soon as possible as places are filling up! The deadline for booking a slot is 17th November. This is to ensure we have the correct ratio of staff and have ordered enough food for the children attending.

Easy fundraising:

We are able to raise free funds for school when shopping on the internet by registering with **Easy Fundraising**. Please click on the following link to register and then click through the website or app each time you shop online to raise funds for the school.

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/tncc/>

Easy Fundraising has over 3200 retailers who will send a donation to our school based on a percentage of your total spend or a lump sum. It costs you NOTHING extra but Easy Fundraising will send a cheque to us once a term which helps to boost school funds and directly benefits your children. We do not get to see who has made the purchase or which items have been bought but there is a leader board for funds raised so perhaps you can knock the staff off the top 5! Last term we raised more than £50 based purely on the donations raised by 2 people, can you help us to beat it this month? As it is coming up to Christmas shopping time please do sign up and tell your friends and family about it too! With every referral made we earn an extra donation.

Biggest donations come from booking holidays, day trips, insurance etc.

I have a challenge for you all - can Tenterfield staff and families raise £500 before the end of the school year?

Thank you

Christmas Activities—*sorry it may be too early for some of you to think about it!*

For all events we have a space limit so its 2 adults per family, if you have grandparents who might like to come there are some spaces available at the dress rehearsals on the Tuesday.

Curtain up at 9:30am or 1:00pm

You can join the party to see “you know who” bring presents at 11:00am or 2:30pm on the 19th. More info on events and requests for help to follow.

SNOW

Although we are not expecting it yet, and hope that by being prepared we won't need it, please find below information in case of severe snow.

It is my intention that Tenterfield will remain open if at all possible this winter but as schools have discovered in previous years there may be times when weather conditions prevent this from happening. I can assure you that the decision to close is never taken lightly and always on advice from the county council. If the weather is snowy and you are unsure if Tenterfield will be open please:

Check www.hertsdirect.org where any Hertfordshire school closures will be listed.

Listen for notifications on the local BBC 3 Counties Radio.

Visit our website www.tenterfield.herts.sch.uk will have an announcement on the homepage about the situation.

We will also endeavour to send a parent mail text to you as soon as possible if the decision has been taken to close.

As we do not have a caretaker at Tenterfield we are always grateful for any parents who live within walking distance to come and help staff clear paths after a heavy snow fall to make the site safe for the return to school.