



Tenterfield Nursery School

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Wow, what a busy couple of months it has been at Tenterfield. A HUGE thank you to all who have supported our various events.

Our Harvest Festival at the beginning of October was a great success with the children sitting and singing so beautifully. It's hard to believe that some of the children had only been in Nursery a month at that point. The EYFS open day and autumn walk on October 25th was particularly successful with many parents and family members coming to support the event. We hope it gave you a glimpse into life at Tenterfield. Our next EYFS open morning is scheduled for late January so keep your eyes peeled for further information nearer the time.

Nursery has been a hive of activity over the past couple of months with the children learning new routines and developing their understanding of how to use the resources and keep themselves safe at school. This learning has been very ably supported by the outstanding Nursery Team.

We have a busy term coming up and I have included the Christmas performance and parties on this letter so that you can make arrangements for time off work if necessary. With any luck you will have finally stopped singing 'Big Red Combine Harvester' just in time for the songs for Christmas working their way into your homes.

Best wishes, Mrs Williams

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 ★ Dates for the diary ★
 ★ November ★
 ★ **Friday 23rd November - Occasional Day** ★
 ★ **(nursery and wraparound closed).** ★
 ★ December ★
 ★ Parent consultations 3/12/18 - 7/12/18 ★
 ★ Monday 3rd - Pink group consultations AM, ★
 ★ Tuesday 4th - Red morning group AM, Yellow ★
 ★ group PM ★
 ★ Wednesday 5th - Blue group AM, Orange ★
 ★ group PM ★
 ★ Thursday 6th - Green group AM, Red afternoon ★
 ★ group PM ★
 ★ Tuesday 11th - Dress rehearsal 9:30am (P, G, Y, ★
 ★ R am) and 1:00pm (B, O, R pm) ★
 ★ Friday 14th December - Christmas performance ★
 ★ 9:30am (P, G, Y, R am) and 1:00pm (B, O, R ★
 ★ pm) ★
 ★ Friday 21st 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. ★
 ★ Friday 21st December - Term ends ★
 ★ January ★
 ★ Wednesday 2nd - Friday 4th Christmas holiday ★
 ★ club ★
 ★ Monday 7th - Spring Term starts ★
 ★ A couple of important spring term dates to be ★
 ★ aware of: ★
 ★ Friday 15th February - INSET day (nursery and ★
 ★ wraparound closed) ★
 ★ Half term - Monday 18th - Friday 24th ★
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Wraparound bookings

Please remember to book your Christmas holiday wraparound sessions as soon as possible as places will fill up fast! 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 21st. 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.

REMINDERS

Please note that smoking is not permitted on site, this includes conspicuously holding/rolling cigarettes on site where children may be present. Please ensure that if you have family members or friends picking up and dropping off at the Nursery they are aware of this.

When dropping children off at Nursery please ensure that they are dropped to their key person and not left to find their own way in. This is to ensure we are keeping them as safe as we can and to ensure they don't get caught up in the rush of drop off and pick up times. It is also a great opportunity for you to pass on any little messages you may have to their key worker.

At Tenterfield we ask that mobile phones are not used within the nursery building where children are present.

This is for two main reasons:

We feel it is important that your child has your attention during drop off and collection times, or when attending a group, and that you are available to speak to the staff if necessary. Secondly with the increased use of camera phones we want to protect all children in our care. There are some children, who for various reasons, must not have their picture used on the internet. By requesting mobiles are not used we know that we are doing all we can to prevent images appearing online without parents knowledge or consent.

Thank you for your help in keeping Tenterfield a safe place for all children.

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.

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!

Toys from home

Please remember that toys from home should not be coming into Nursery. We have plenty of lovely toys and resources here at Tenterfield. Toys from home may get lost or damaged which can lead to a great deal of distress for the child.

Packed Lunches

If your child is in a 30 hour funded place or stays for wraparound care we ask that you provide a healthy, well balanced packed lunch in a standard size/shaped named lunchbox. These are stored in the fridge until lunchtime. You do not need to provide a drink, unless agreed for a specific reason with the key person or SENCO. We provide water for the children and the adult based on their table will ensure they are drinking enough.

At Tenterfield we follow a few key principles when it comes to children's packed lunches:

- No nuts - we are a nut free setting due to severe allergies. Please avoid chocolate spread as often these contain nuts or traces of nuts.
- If you are providing your child with grapes these need to be cut in half to minimise risk of choking.
- Lunch should be an appropriate size for your child. It can be intimidating to be faced with a huge lunch at such a young age. The children have morning and afternoon snack so will never go hungry.