



# Tenterfield Nursery School

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## News on the 9th October 2016

Thank you for all your support at the Harvest festival service last Monday, at which the children sat and sang so beautifully. I'm sure you will agree it is hard to believe that some of the children have only been at nursery for a month. The adults have been working hard this term to support the children in learning new routines and to develop their understanding of how to use the resources and keep themselves safe at school. We have a busy term coming up and I have included Christmas play dates on this letter so that you can make arrangements for time off work if necessary.

I hope you have all managed to book for your parent meetings over the next week to have an opportunity to discuss how your child has settled in and is getting on. We look forward to sharing their achievements with you.

Best wishes Megan Wilcox

### Dates for the diary

Monday 24th - Friday 28th October  
Half Term, Nursery closed, wraparound open

Friday 4th November - Special Learning book sharing, a chance to stay at drop off time to look at your child's special book with them.

Friday 18th November - Nursery and Wrap-around closed (occasional holiday)

Friday 16th December - Nursery Christmas performances, 9.30 am and 1pm

Tuesday 20th December - Nursery Christmas parties with a special visitor coming at 11.00 and 2.30 pm, parents will be invited to join us at these times.

Wednesday 21st December - Term ends

Thursday 5th and Friday 6th January - Staff training and home visits, wraparound open on the Friday

Monday January 9th—children start back

Thank you to all of you who supported the Macmillan cake sale and coffee morning we held at the end of September. We raised over £100 for this worthwhile cause.

### A message from Sue our children's centre manager:

The Children's Centre Group is offering a range of activities for Under Fives during the half term holiday. Highlights include: **Outdoor Play** here at the Nursery at 1.30 pm on the Monday;

**Ready Steady Go** at Codicote Peace Memorial Hall on Tuesday at 11 am;

**Sensory and Craft Activities** at Welwyn Garden City on Wednesday at 2 pm.

Bookings can be made by phoning 07746 560577 9-4 Monday-Friday. We hope that you can join us If you are interested in further details please visit our website: [www.welwynknebworthcc.org.uk](http://www.welwynknebworthcc.org.uk).

A reminder, our outreach team can support you with many issues you are finding a challenge, for example fussy eating, sleep routines or toilet training. Just ask to speak to one of the team in confidence.

### We are working to keep your child safe and well.

If your child is unfit for school, please phone the office to let us know, we will need to ring if we have an unexplained absence.

To prevent infection, if your child has sickness or diarrhoea they need to remain away from school for 48 hours after the last bout of illness. Please keep your emergency contacts up to date so that we can ring you if your child is unwell.

**Temperatures are dropping!** can children have a pair of mittens and hat in their bag for cold sessions in the garden please? Thanks

The children are learning to replace their own items on their pegs and are supported by staff to do this however if items are not named it is very hard to do this. Please make sure that you name all items of clothing and return to us any items that may have come home with your child by mistake.

### Wraparound and holiday club bookings

Half term holiday wraparound sessions are almost full, all bookings to be finalised and paid for this week. We will be offering holiday care on December 22nd and 23rd but then closed until January 6th. We have reviewed our charges for tea club, there are a few spaces available from 3.30 till 5 on most days. Collect details from near the front reception.

### Snack donations

The office staff tell me that snack donations have increased since we offered the opportunity for you to pay on line and by the term. So thanks if you have made your donation. It is a great help to have your contributions and means that we are able to continue to offer a wide selection of healthy snacks to the children. Watching them try new foods and independently clear up is amazing!

### Parent Learning Day October 21st

Come along and learn with your child, sit and join in the nursery activities. Then join us for a coffee and quick Q and A session to discuss what you have seen! Let us know at the office or door if you want to join us at 8.50 or 12.30. We will be launching our home learning packs, if you can't attend we will send out information on the scheme.

### Speech and Language Support

Early language development is key to future success for your child. As well as a wealth of resources and skills used by our staff team, we are lucky to have Marie Culligan, a speech and language therapist who comes in most weeks to support some children with an attention and listening group. We will let you know if we think your child would benefit from some of these sessions.

Marie is also available to talk to parents with any concerns regarding their child's speech. Talk to Mrs Brankin in the first instance.



### Governors

As you may be aware each school needs a Governing body which both supports and challenges the Head teacher in the running of the school. We currently have a vacancy on the Nursery school governing body. Your voice is important to us and we are always keen to have parent representation on the governors as you are able to tell us what is important to you and other families who are using the services we offer. It is also valuable to have governors with a range of experience, skills and expertise to share with us. If you are interested in getting more involved in the nursery or children's centre and would like to know more details about the role please speak to me or I can put you in touch with an existing governor.