



Tenterfield Nursery School

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News on the 9th September 2018

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- Dates for the diary
- ★ Tuesday 25th September - Photo day
 - ★ Friday 28th September - Macmillan coffee morning, more information to follow.
 - ★ Monday 8th October - Harvest Festival to be confirmed, more information to follow.
 - ★ PARENT CONSULTATIONS:
 - ★ Monday 15th October – Pink group AM
 - ★ Tuesday 16th October - Green group AM, Orange group PM
 - ★ Wednesday 17th October - Blue group AM Afternoon Red group PM
 - ★ Thursday 18th October - Yellow group AM
 - ★ Friday 19th October - Morning Red group AM
 - ★ Please sign up for a time at the office
 - ★ Friday 15th November - EYFS parent Open Day
 - ★ Monday 29th - Friday 2nd - Half term (holiday club open 8am - 6pm). Forms outside the office.
 - ★ Friday 9th November - Special learning book sharing.
 - ★ Friday 16th November - Children in Need day
 - ★ Friday 23rd November - Occasional day (Nursery and wraparound closed)
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Dear Parents and Carers,

We would like to welcome all our new families and welcome back those returning after the holidays. We look forward to hearing all about what you have been up to over the summer break. I am sure that those of you who attended Children's Centre events and Holiday Club will join me in saying a huge thank you to the team for the wide range of activities on offer over the holidays. This term is set to be a busy and exciting one and we are looking forward to involving you in your child's learning as they begin their time at Tenterfield. Attached to this letter are some suggestions of things you might like to comment on if you spot your child doing something special at home. Please do write it down to share with us so that we can put it in their special learning book. If you have any photographs that you would like to add you can bring them in or email them to us admin@tenterfield.herts.sch.uk and we will print them for you. We hope that the children's books become a shared celebration of their achievements from both home and school.

The Tenterfield Team are all looking forward to working with you in the coming year, please do not hesitate to ask if you have any questions.

Best wishes
Mrs Williams

Children's centres

As you will have heard Tenterfield will cease to be the Lead agency for the Welwyn and Knebworth group of Children's Centres from Monday 1st October. One YMCA will be the new lead agency for Family Centres across the East Quadrant of Hertfordshire. If you would like further information regarding the changes in services please pick up a leaflet from the office. We have been tremendously proud of the work the Children's Centre team have done over the time Tenterfield have been the lead agency and we look forward to many years supporting families in partnership with One YMCA.

News on the 9th

To keep you informed about events that are happening and dates for your diary I will be sending out a monthly newsletter on the 9th of each month (or closest to if it falls on a weekend). This means that you will know when to expect a letter and if for some reason you have not received one via your child or parent mail please speak to a member of staff.

Parent mail

We will be starting to use Parentmail this week to communicate with you. We realise some people have had trouble with their registrations so do let us know if this is the case and we will try to resolve it. However, there will always be a hard copy of the News on the 9th should you wish to collect one from the nursery entrance and one out on display in the cabinets under the canopy.

Cloakroom space

As you are aware we have a large number of children attending the nursery and limited coat peg space. Unless it is a drawstring bag could you please take home your child's bag at the end of each session. This ensures that there is enough space for the morning or afternoon children to hang up their own bags and coats. Wellies can be left at nursery as we are able to store them on welly racks outside. Drawstring bags in all group colours can be purchased from the office if required at a cost of £2.50

A reminder from the office...

If you have not yet handed in your:
Parent mail form
Birth certificate or
3/4 year free funding form

Please bring them in as soon as possible so that we can ensure everyone's details are accurate on our system.

Harvest Festival

As advance notice we will be holding a Harvest Festival service at St Marys Church in the village on Monday 8th October at 9.30 (subject to confirmation) to which all parents will be invited. Further details will be sent out but as people may want to arrange time off work we wanted to give you as much notice as possible. The service will last for approximately half an hour. Before this visit we will be walking the children down to familiarise them with the church and show them where we will be sitting and singing. We will let you know when this date is confirmed with St Marys as we may ask for volunteers to attend the pre visit with us. Look out for a sign up sheet under the canopy in the next couple of weeks.

Friends of Tenterfield

We have been very lucky to have strong support from parents in the past who have helped to fundraise throughout the year to fund additional resources and experiences for the children. If you feel this is something you would like to get involved in please speak to me so that I can give you more information and we can start to plan some events for the year ahead. Thank you

School photographs

On Tuesday 25th September Angela Bonner will be coming in to take individual photographs of the children which you will have the option to purchase in time for Christmas. If you would like to have your child's photograph taken with brothers and sisters Angela will have some times available before and after school. Please sign up for a time at the office.

Parent consultations

You will see that dates have been set for parent consultations in October. These meetings are a chance for you to meet with your child's key person to discuss how they have settled in to their new groups and to talk about things they are doing really well with and areas we are helping them to develop further. These meetings take place each term but if in the meantime there is ever anything you wish to talk about or have a message to pass on please speak to Mrs Brankin or myself at the door. If you need a longer conversation with the key person we can arrange a time with the office or the key worker will call you back when they are able to come out of the nursery. The beginning of sessions can be busy, especially when settling new children in so it may not always be possible for the staff to have a long conversation with you at this time but they will always call you back if you need to speak to them.

Snack donations

As a nursery school we are not entitled to receive free fruit and vegetables through the government scheme as primary schools do. However we feel snack time is an important time of the day for the children; a chance to share the healthy eating message and to encourage them to try a wide variety of new and familiar fruit and vegetable snacks. To help us to provide a range of interesting snacks for the children we would be grateful if you could bring in a donation of £2.00 per week for your child. There will be a money box in the entrance and we would appreciate it if you could pop your money in the pot on your way in or out. If you would rather pay for a half term, term, or year at a time please speak to the office. Thank you

Staff at Tenterfield

Mrs Brankin is our Assistant head here at Tenterfield and as part of her role also has responsibility for Special Educational Needs. She will be working alongside each group in the nursery this year and will also be running our nurture group. If you ever have any queries or concerns about areas of your child's development she will be happy to offer advice and support. We are sending home a sheet with all the key adults in the nursery to help you get to know the staff. We sometimes have students and volunteers working with us too and will let you know if someone will be with us for a long period of time or on a placement from college.

Staying Safe

As you are aware it is very busy at drop off and collection times at nursery. To help to keep our children safe please make sure you stay aware of all children around you and keep the gates closed as you leave. We make sure the children are ready to leave with you by putting on coats and before collection time and this helps them to develop their independence and hopefully avoids too much congestion in the corridor area.

We appreciate that you may not want to wake a sleeping baby in a buggy to come and collect an older child but if you could ask another parent to watch them whilst you come into nursery it prevents the hall way becoming a fire risk with pushchairs inside.

Thank you for your help in this matter.

Mobile phones reminder

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.



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/tnccl>

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

Holiday club

Holiday club forms are in outside the office for half term holiday club. Please pick one up and return it ASAP to ensure you get a space.