

Harvest Festival

As advance notice we will be holding a Harvest Festival service at St Marys Church in the village on Monday 7th October at 9.30 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 on Monday 30th Sept. 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.

Tapestry

We are excited to be using tapestry this year with all our nursery cohort. We hope all parents have activated their accounts. Please check your junk boxes if you have not yet received an email activation link. If you have not had a link, please see Eileen in the office to check we have the correct email address for you.

The staff are beginning upload photographs of the children settling into nursery, so please share these at home and use them as a opportunity for your child to talk about their experiences at nursery.

We also LOVE to see photos from home! Please share them with us via tapestry. If you need any help pop in to see Vicky!

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 we do need to ensure the corridor is kept clear in case of a fire. Where possible, if buggies can be kept outside at drop off and collection please.

Thank you for your help in this matter.

Wraparound news

Holiday club is available at Tenterfield for the October half term for children aged 3-8yrs.

Monday 28th Oct– Friday 1st Nov

Please email Kim at:
wraparound@tenterfield.herts.sch.uk
for a booking form

School photographs

On Tuesday 8th October 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.



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. Mrs Stagg has kindly volunteered to lead the friends of Tenterfield this year. If you feel this is something you would like to get involved in please speak to me or Mrs Stagg so that I can give you more information and we can start to plan some events for the year ahead. Thank you .

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.

Returning Children - Parents need to complete a new Declaration form please see Eileen in the Admin office if you haven't received your form via your child. This is only for returning children, not new starters

Please can we ask all parent to regularly check Tapestry, please upload to there too!

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.

Meet the Governor

Suzannah Wren: Chair of Governors

Hi, my name's Susannah and I first became a Parent Governor at Tenterfield when my eldest started in 2016. My background is in Sales & Marketing and I now work for a commercial cleaning company operating predominantly in the education sector, so I have some experience in both Facilities Management and Procurement. My third, and youngest, child is about to start at Tenterfield with a paid-for 2 year old space, and I continue to really enjoy supporting the fantastic nursery setting. I will be dropping off most mornings so if you have anything you would like to raise with me please do grab me for a chat. I'm always very happy to make a date for some coffee and a slice of, preferably, carrot cake!



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. 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 from both children & staff. 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.



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



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.