

Tenterfield Nursery School

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Monthly Newsletter September 2021

Dates for the diary

Wed 1st September	INSET Day (Nursery Closed)
Mon 6th September	Term Starts for Returning Children
	New Children Staggered Start across the week
Tue 7th September	Returning Children Start
	New Children Staggered Start
Mon 13th September	Induction Starts
Fri 24th September	Macmillan Coffee Morning/Afternoon
Mon 27th September	Pre Visit to St Mary's Church
Mon 4th October	Harvest Festival @ 9.30am
Thu 7th October	National Poetry Day
Fri 22nd October	INSET DAY – Nursery Closed
Mon 25th October - Fri 29th October	Half Term Holiday
	Holiday Club Open
Mon 1st November - Fri 5th November, 12:00am	Firework & Diwali Week
Thu 4th November	Diwali
Fri 12th November	Kindess Day Activities
Fri 26th November	Occasional Day
Fri 10th December	Christmas Jumper Day
Mon 13th December	National Hot Chocolate Day!
Mon 20th December	Christmas Party – All Children 8.30-11.30 including PM groups
	Term Ends at 1pm for 30hr children
Tue 21st December	INSET DAY – Nursery Closed
Wed 22nd December - Tue 4th January	Christmas Holiday
	Wraparound holiday club open 22nd 23rd 24th and 29th 30th 31st December

Snack Donantion

you should now see the option to contribute to our snack. We suggest a donation of either £2 per week, £12 each half term, £24 termly or £68 annually. Again please look in Payments, then shop and you should

All About Me

All About Me: Your child's key person will need this information to help settle your child. Please complete ASAP via tapestry. If you need any support please contact the school office. Also if you are not accessing tap-estry please let the office know.

Our Curriculum

A 6 week environment induction plan which allows children to familiarise themselves with our workshop style learning environment. It allows us the opportunity to teach children our expectations within the nursery, and how to use resources appropriately. We also timetable 'tuning in' times across the first half term. This gives each keyperson dedicated, uninterrupted time to play with every child in their key group. They follow their lead in the play and get a deeper level bond with the children which allows them to assess their stage of development and baseline every child to begin their unique, individualised learning journey.

On Tapestry we explain our 'total communication approach' at Tenterfield. We use the church visit as an example. There are videos of the children singing in the church as well. Please have a look on Tapestry. We are offering weekly, bite size explanations about our curriculum with 'real life' videos of your children to inform you of how we teach at Tenterfield.

Please also see our curriculum tab on our website.

Tapestry

We hope you are now accessing Tapestry. Staff have half a day out of the classroom every week to upload photographs and observations for all their key group (as well as all of the other important jobs they have to do!) Please be patient in receiving Tapestry posts, staff are very busy at the moment forming secure attachments with your child which is our priority in these first few weeks.

Lending Library

We are going launch our lending library on Friday 15th Oct. This will offer you the opportunity to choose and borrow books to share at home. If you have any good quality books you would like to donate to the library please drop them at the nursery office next week. We would also like to start an adult lending library/book swap if you have any good books you have read that you are happy to pass on...who knows, we even may start our own Tenterfield book club?!

Whats App Groups

its great that many of you have set up and joined what's app groups. We think they are extremely beneficial for developing our "family value" to make connections, friendships and share information outside of nursery life. Can we please ask that if you have any queries, concerns, questions etc regarding the nursery that you approach Tenterfield directly and speak to either myself or the office team please.

EYFS Workshop

Don't forget, We will be running our first workshop for this academic year on Thursday 21st October. This will inform you about the EYFS curriculum at Tenterfield. The workshop will consist of a short presentation which will start at 9am. There will then be an opportunity to go into the nursery and see the curriculum in action until 10am. Teas and coffees will be available from 8.45am. We hope you can join us.

McMillan Coffee Morning

We raised over £350 for this very worth cause. Thank you so much for all your cakes and donations. We will be sending this off to the McMillan charity.

Healthy packed lunches

Can we please ask that ALL lunchboxes are named on the OUTSIDE of their lunchbox please. Water not squash in water bottles please, no nuts, no egg, and as healthy as possible please.

Water Bottles: Please make sure these contain water NOT juice.

Alternatives to crisps

Rice cakes, carrot and cucumber sticks with hummus, toasted pitta triangles with tzatziki.

Top tip - crispy kale chips, toss a bag of kale in olive oil and garlic salt. Lay on a baking tray and bake on a fan oven at 180 degrees until they begin to brown at the edges.

Please be aware that the children only have 30 minutes in which to eat their lunch and so bear that in mind when considering the portion size. All grapes need to be cut in half to ensure they are not a choking hazard.

FaceBook

Facebook: We regularly post updates to our Tenterfield FaceBook page. Please 'like' us at (1) Tenterfield Nursery School | Facebook

Covid 19

Message for Hertfordshire.

Common Symptoms

The main symptoms of COVID-19 are:

- a high temperature
- a new, continuous cough – this means coughing a lot, for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours
- a loss or change to sense of smell or taste – this means they cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal

What to do if you or your child has symptoms

If your child has any of the main symptoms of COVID-19, even if they're mild:

Get a PCR test (test that is sent to a lab) as soon as possible: Get a PCR test to check for COVID-19 on GOV.UK

Your child should stay at home and not have visitors (self-isolate) until you get a negative test result – they can only leave home to have the test. Check if you and anyone else your child lives with need to self-isolate. Check if you and anyone else your child lives with need to self-isolate

Contact Tracing

If a child tests positive for COVID-19, NHS Test and Trace will now contact close contacts directly, replacing communications from the school. Please engage with NHS Test and Trace if they contact you about your child, you will not be contacted or advised by the school about what steps you need to take.

Local Outbreak

As mentioned in previous communications, in addition to our Risk Assessment, the nursery also have a Management Plan in place which we use in the event of an outbreak and we can also seek support from the local Education Public Health team.