



News on the 9th October 2019

Dates for the diary

October

Parent Consultations:

Monday 21st October – Red group

Tuesday 22nd - Yellow group

Weds 23rd October - Blue/Orange group

Thursday 24th October - Green group

Please sign up for a time at the office

Half Term – 28th Oct – 1st Nov

Nursery closed, holiday club open - we have limited spaces left so please check at the office if you wish to book a session.

November

Friday 22nd November - **Occasional Day** (nursery and wraparound closed).

December

Thurs 12th December - Christmas performance 9:30 (pink, blue, red) & 1.00pm (Orange, yellow, green)

Thursday 19th 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 20th December - Term ends

Monday 23rd & Tuesday 24th December -

Christmas holiday club

Thurs 2nd & Fri 3rd Jan – Holiday club open

Mon 6th January - INSET day (Nursery closed)

Tues 7th Jan – Start of Spring term

Thank you for all your support at the Harvest Festival, 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!

Nursery has been a hive of activity over the past few weeks 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.

I have some sad news that Mrs Mills, our lovely admin, will be leaving us on Friday. We would like to thank her for all her hard work at Tenterfield, and we wish her well for the future. Please come back and see us soon!

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.

We are now taking October half term holiday club bookings, we have some fantastic activities planned. Please see the flyer also attached to this email. One day bookings accepted. Why not bring a friend?

Best wishes, Mrs Beare



Macmillan cake sale and coffee morning

Thank you to all of you who supported the Macmillan cake sale and coffee morning we held at the end of September. We definitely had some Bake Off worthy contributions! We raised an amazing **£131.60** for this worthwhile cause.

School photographs

Individual photographs were taken this week and proofs will be with you in time for you to place and receive your orders before Christmas.



Website & Facebook

Our brand new website is now live. Thank you to those who have returned their photo permission forms. Have a look at the new site and tell Mrs Beare what you think?

Also please follow us on FaceBook, search for Tenterfield Nursery School and click 'like.'

Please share our posts with family and friends.

Pick up and drop off

Please ensure that you are only collecting your child early in an emergency. In order for children to fully settle into life here at Tenterfield they need to attend their full session. Often children haven't yet got the words or confidence to explain that they feel sad or insecure if they have missed the beginning or end of a session. It is therefore important for your child's sense of wellbeing and security within the setting that they are present for their entire session. If you are unsure of your child's precise session times please ask their Key Person or at the office.



Its raining, its pouring!

With such unpredictable weather it is wise that your child brings a coat to Nursery everyday. Please can children have a named pair of wellies and a change of clothes in their bag on their peg. Shoes need to be easily manageable for your child as they will be taking them off to put on wellies in the garden. Please ensure they are either Velcro fastened or slip on, **no lace ups**.

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.

Thank you



Friends of Tenterfield

Karen Stagg, Lucas's mum in Green group is co-ordinating our friends of Tenterfield group this year. She has some fantastic fundraising ideas.

Please see 'the friends' notice board under the canopy by the kitchen window.

The first friends 'get together' is at The White Hart on Wednesday 23rd October at 7pm. All welcome.

Please send an email to Karen at friendsoftenterfield@tenterfield.herts.sch.uk if you would like to become involved or join the 'whats app' group

Snack donations

Thank you to those who have responded to the snack donation request on the last newsletter. 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!

Snack donations can now be made via parentmail. Any questions please speak to Mrs Roberts in the office.



Holiday Club bookings

Please remember to book your October half term holiday sessions as soon as possible as places are filling up!

We have some fantastic activities planned including a pottery day, messy day, pumpkin carving and a pizza party day!

For any questions about Holiday club or wraparound bookings please speak to Kim in the office.

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.

Parent mail and Tapestry

We are using Parentmail and Tapestry to communicate with our parents this year.

Parentmail will inform you of all our events that are happening at nursery. It is also really useful for last minute reminders. Please ensure you are receiving all our emails. We can set up both parents/carers to ensure you are fully informed.

Tapestry is our wonderful, new online learning journal for your child. The key-people have been sharing some lovely observations, including videos and photographs. It is so important that you are receiving these, as they are such good talking points for your child to share their experiences at nursery. We also love to receive posts about your events at home, please share with us.

Please speak to a member of the office team if you need help with getting set up on either Parentmail or Tapestry.

New friend

After our very sad news about Jerry, we now have a new friend for Tom. This week the children will be naming our new guinea pig. He loves cuddles and munching on carrots and has enjoyed meeting all the children last week.

Animals have proven benefits for the wellbeing of children and adults. They can be a good distraction when feeling anxious or sad. They also have a positive impact on communication and language development. We consistently see the positive impact the Nursery animals are having on the children - teaching responsibility, kindness, consideration of others etc.



Healthy packed lunches

Finding it hard to make a pack lunch healthy? Busy schedule getting in the way of making a healthy alternative?

We will be running a series of top tips for quick healthy alternatives to crisps, chocolates, biscuits, cakes etc.

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 40 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

EYFS Sharing Day

Thank you to all the parents who attended our EYFS parent sharing sessions last week. We hope you found the sessions informative. The children loved being your 'tour guide' and showing you around the nursery.

Please look out for our next one after half term!