

Tenterfield Nursery School

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Monthly Newsletter October 2021

Dates for the diary

Mon 1st November - Fri 5th	Firework & Diwali Week
November, 12:00am	
Thu 4th November	Diwali
Fri 12th November	Kindess Day Activities
Fri 26th November	Ocassional 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	Christmas Holiday
4th January	

Lending Library: We have our wonderful lending library available under the canopy at the front of the nursery. Please feel free to borrow books as often as you can.

Why is reading so important in the early years?

Did you know that reading to your child for as little as 20 minutes a day can help with memory, learning, and future school success? In fact, research says you should read to your child because it is the most important activity for language development in young children. Reading plays the biggest role in learning for children from ages two to five, but it is important at all ages to instil a love of literacy.

When children are read to at an early age, they have greater general knowledge, a wider range of vocabulary, they become more fluent readers, and they have improved attention spans and better concentration.

Introduction to the EYFS: Thank you to all the parents who attended our 1st workshop on Thursday. It was lovely to see so many of you. The children loved showing you around nursery and sharing their learning. Some parents comments from the session were:

"So useful to hear about how our children are taught and key areas of rooms. Really helpful for transferring to home-life. Amazing to see our children in the setting. Thank you for this opportunity!"

"Lovely opportunity to see the nursery and children "in action" Helps to be able to see what they do and the layout to have conversations outside nursery"

"Excellent session, loved learning about the learning philosophies and seeing the children in action. Would love to do it again! Many thanks for all your help!"

We have attached all the documents from today, if you were unable to join us. Here is the link to the phonetic alphabet we mentioned at the workshop. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LITwOoiLNys>

Advance notice: Our next workshop will Thursday 9th December. This session will focus on how we teach early phonics to the children, using letters and sounds, and there will be an opportunity to see 'phonics in action' in the nursery. The session will be 9am-10am.

Curriculum info: This week 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

Nurture Group:

Our wonderful Nurture group starts after half term! Hooray! This is a small, special group for between to 6-8 children that provides a safe and predictable, structured environment in which children are given opportunities to develop their social skills, self-confidence and self-esteem. It is also a space where children can explore their feelings and learn how to manage them in appropriate ways, in a place where they feel valued and accepted. Nurture groups are based on six principles:

Children's learning is understood developmentally

The importance of nurture for the development of wellbeing

All behaviour is communication

The classroom offers a safe base

Language is a vital means of communication

The importance of transition in children's lives

They are supported in the group by two specially trained members of staff. They model positive relationships and there is an emphasis on the development of language and communication skills.

The Nurture group has a familiar and consistent routine. Children will work 1:1 with an adult, in pairs and in small groups and their levels of achievement are raised by carefully targeted teaching/learning opportunities that focus on their individual needs.

We have completed assessments on your children this half term and we believe some children will benefit from all the wonderful opportunities our nurture group can offer. Mrs Brankin will be approaching parents the week after half term to discuss the group and how it will benefit your child.

Parent Consultations: You should have received notification of your child's 'catch up call' after half term. These calls offer the opportunity to let you know how well your child has settled into nursery life, what interests them at nursery, an understanding of where your child is working developmentally and any priorities going forward, including how you can support at home.

Coming into nursery: It was wonderful to see the children coming into nursery independently this week. They have done extremely well at managing their own belongings and finding their group. We are very proud of them. We hope to continue this after half term. There will be plenty of adults to support your child to transition into the nursery independently.

FaceBook

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

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.

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.

COMING INTO NURSERY: We very much encourage you to send your child into nursery independently next week, as after half term we will only have the main entrance door for children to come into nursery. Encourage them to take their coat off (so the coat arms do not become inside out,) hang their coat on their peg (using the loop or hood,) and find their own group independently. We feel the children are ready, and we hope you do too.

Unfortunately, I am ending with some sad news. Miss Haley will be leaving Tenterfield at the end of this term (Dec 2021.) She would like to gain more experience in a primary school setting. This is also the reason why Pixie has not been in the nursery this academic year; she belongs to Miss Haley. We are always sad when someone leaves the Tenterfield family, will miss them both greatly, and we wish Miss Haley lots of love & luck for the future in her new teaching role.

Miss Haley will be reducing her hours after Half term, she will be with the orange group Mon-Thurs, and Miss Brindley will be supporting the orange group on a Friday.

We have appointed a highly experienced nursery school teacher, Mrs Jackson, who will be joining us in January, and will be teaching the orange group every morning. We look forward to welcoming Miss Jackson to the Tenterfield family.

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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](https://www.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.