

## **Tenterfield Nursery School**

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"Working together so that everyone can shine"

Dear parents and carers,

Apologies this is later than usual, I always aim to get my 'heads up' email out at the end of every week. We have had a very cold start to the term...but this has given us the perfect opportunity for exploring ice in the garden. Lots of discussions around experiments, freezing, melting and the weather.

We have 9 new families who have joined Tenterfield this term, welcome to all of you!

We also have Mrs Jackson join the family, our new class teacher who brings a wealth of early years experience to the team. Welcome!! Please do watch her lovely rhythm stick activity which has been uploaded to Tapestry.

Exciting news....coming soon....Tenterfield Tinies!! We are working in partnership with Herts family centre service to deliver a weekly playgroup for under 3s at the civic centre. We have a a wonderful volunteer who is going to lead running the group. Her name is Kate and she has a baby called Lucie. We would like to hold a 'working party' coffee morning on Tuesday 18th after 8.45am drop-off to gather your ideas and support. I know we have lots of families with younger siblings, who perhaps would like to get involved in the set up of this exciting new community group. Please come along with your little ones and join Kate and myself to share your ideas to make this group the best it can be! I have spoken to many parents who have missed the social interaction with other parents and children due to the pandemic, so we feel really lucky to start this group under the Tenterfield umbrella.

<u>Pocket checks...</u>we have lots of exciting resources at nursery and we do find these can often be put in children's pockets or bags. Please can you regularly check if your child has bought anything home from nursery, however small it may be, because our resources do dwindle! We find the most enticing things are either sparkly gems, hair clips or small figures!! We have over 80 children on roll so if every child takes something home that equates to a lot of our resources!! Thank you for your support.

<u>Toys</u>...please can we ask that your child does not bring in any toys from home, unless it has been agreed with their key person. It can cause difficulties for us if they get lost or broken, or another child wants to play with them. Thank you for your cooperation.

<u>Packed lunches...</u>please provide a healthy packed lunch with no nuts, sweets, chocolate or egg. All grapes, cherry tomatoes, blueberries etc need to be cut in half to ensure they are not a choking risk. 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.

<u>Children's belongings...please</u> name all hats, coats, scarves, gloves! Our cloakroom is very busy at this time of the year!

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<u>Nurture Group...</u>Unfortunately Mrs Brankin is unwell with Covid so nurture group will not be running this week. Miss Spooner is spending lots of time in the nursery and checking-in with all the children. Nurture group will resume as soon as our staffing levels allow.

<u>Covid-19.</u>..please do inform the office of any positive cases to ensure we keep our whole community safe. Staff are LFT testing everyday. We currently have 3 members of staff with positive PCR results. We shall keep you informed as soon as cases arise.

Keep well everyone!

Mrs Beare