



## AUTUMN TERM IS HERE!



Hello and Welcome / Welcome Back!

Welcome back to all our families returning this Autumn. We hope you enjoyed your summer and are ready for the new term. It's so lovely to see you all and wonderful to see the Nursery busy with children learning and having fun again!

I would also like to extend a very warm welcome all our new families joining the Nursery School. We hope the settling process is going well for your children and that you are beginning to feel part of our school.

Please do share any worries or concerns you have at any time - we think this is a wonderful place for children to be, but if we don't get something quite right do talk to us. We look forward to getting to know all our parents and children individually.



Thank you to all those of you who have been sending in fruit each week for snack. If everyone brings some, there is enough for us all to share.



## WELLIES AND WATERPROOFS



Now that the weather will be getting colder and wetter, our gardens will be getting muddier. Please can you make sure that your child has named wellies and an all in one waterproof suit in Nursery so that we can keep them clean and dry when they are having fun playing outdoors.

## HOLIDAY CARE

We do still have some spaces available, so come and speak with the office staff if you would like to book in

Our Half Term Holiday Club is available 8:30am - 4:30pm  
Mon 26th - Friday 30<sup>th</sup>  
October. We will be having lots of Halloween fun!



## Naming clothes

Please make sure that clothing is named so that as layers are taken off and potentially scattered all over the place, they can be reunited with their owners.

### ADVANCE WARNING!

From September 2027, we will be aligning our Up to 3s' and Nursery School afternoon session times for children who only attend in the afternoon. There is no change for Nursery School, but the Up to 3s' afternoon sessions will start at 12:45pm and finish at 3:45pm. The after school session will be from 3pm - 3:45pm. The tea session will be 3:45pm - 5pm.

## HOLIDAYS DURING TERM TIME

- If you are off on your holidays during term time do let us know as then we won't try and contact you to check attendance
- Because we employ consistent daily staffing rather than ad hoc 'shifts' we are unable to offer any refunds for absence
- If you do go away, have the most wonderful time!



Have you seen our Makaton Monday Facebook posts?

Do check them out and sign along with us!



# TAPESTRY OBSERVATIONS

In the past we have sent out observations of the children to parents via email at the end of each half term.

We are moving to a system of sending them out directly from the app we use to record them.

In the next few weeks, you will receive an activation link to set up your secure password.

You will then receive an email notification each time that a new observation is uploaded.

You will be able to add feedback and observations from home too.

It may take a few weeks for it all to roll out so please don't panic if you hear of other families having access before you do!

## FAMILIES ALOUD

This Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> October

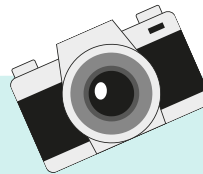


10am - 12pm

Come and play together,  
meet other parents and  
explore the nursery.



All welcome!



We would like to say an EMORMOUS thank you to one of our Blue Group parents - Brook who kindly gave up her time to take some photos for our website (they'll be uploaded very soon). We are so grateful for her generosity and for the amazing photos that she took. You can see her work at [www.brookrosephotography.co.uk](http://www.brookrosephotography.co.uk). She also has Instagram and Facebook pages.



## CLOTHING BANK

Did you know we have a clothing bank on site which takes donations of clothes, paired shoes, towels, soft toys, DVD's and more? All your donations help us to raise money for the Nursery, so the more you donate, the more pennies Nursery receives, so please spread the word to friends and family!

## HYGIENE PRODUCTS AND FOOD VOUCHERS

We know that times are tough for so many families at the moment with the cost of living still remaining high.

At Chichester Nursery School we are here to support the whole family, not just the children. As you enter the building through the sliding doors, you will find hygiene products and toiletries available in the foyer area for you to take if you need. In addition, we are holders of Foodbank Vouchers so please let us know if you need a voucher or if there is any other support that you need.



## CLOTHING SWAP SHOP

We all know how quickly children grow (and grow out of their clothes and what an expense it is to keep up with the constant new clothes that are needed!) If you weren't already aware, to help with this, we have a clothing rail just above the sofa in our foyer area, where you can donate or take clothes for your child as you need.



# PARENTS' EVENINGS



## Nursery School

Wednesday 18th November between 4:15pm and 7:30pm.

## Up to 3s'

Wednesday 11th November between 4pm and 6pm

Wednesday 25th November between 4pm and 6pm

This is your opportunity to talk through your child's progress and discuss their 'next steps'. Sign up sheets will be available after the October half term break. Please note that we are unable to look after children during the meetings and prefer not to talk about them in front of them. If you have any childcare issues, please request a phone appointment.



## Toileting Workshop

On Thursday 26th November at 9:15am, Jess from the Up to 3s' and Kelly from Nursery School are running an informal toilet training workshop aimed at supporting parents/carers with knowing when their child is ready, avoiding toileting battles and with lots of top tips thrown in.

After the half term break, there will be a sign up list on the board as you come into Nursery if you would like to come along.



## RECYCLING

We are always very grateful for any donations to our recycling collection in the foyer. We collect the front of greetings cards, lids, corks, colourful wrapping paper and small boxes for the children to use in our Creative Areas

## BOOK BAGS



Wednesday is library day in Nursery School. The children have the opportunity to browse and chat about books and also to borrow a book to take home in their book bag. Please remember to bring the book bag in each Wednesday.



## LAST DAY OF TERM

The last day of the Autumn Term is Friday 18th December

Timings for the Up to 3s' will remain as normal.

It will be Nursery School Christmas Party Day so please note that Nursery School will start at 10am that day.

We will send out more information nearer the time about the Christmas celebrations in both the Up to 3s' and Nursery School.



## PARKING



A plea! If you are able to walk to Nursery we would really appreciate it. Our car park, as I am sure you will have noticed, gets very busy at the main drop off and pick up times. Parking on the yellow lines, on the roundabout or in front of the green fence/gates is prohibited and when it happens it means that our car park becomes a dangerous place to navigate. We understand that parents are often in a rush, but the safety of our children must come first. If there is not a marked parking space available, please park in one of the roads nearby. Please also note that if you are parking in a disabled bay you must display your blue badge. We are bidding for some funding to extend the low green railings further along the path and have requested PCSO support to help tackle dangerous parking.



## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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| Sunday October 4 <sup>th</sup>                                | Families Aloud 10am – 12 noon<br>Nursery is open for families to come and play together                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| Friday October 23 <sup>rd</sup>                               | INSET Day, Nursery is closed for staff training,<br>Nursery School and the Up to 3s' are closed                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 30 <sup>th</sup><br>October  | Half Term. We are open for pre-booked Holiday Care Monday – Friday                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| Monday November 2 <sup>nd</sup>                               | Nursery reopens after the half term break                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| Friday November 13 <sup>th</sup>                              | Children in Need<br>Children are invited to wear spotty clothing and bring a donation                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| Wednesdays 11 <sup>th</sup> and 25 <sup>th</sup><br>November  | Up to 3s' Parents' Evening 4pm – 6pm                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup><br>November                        | Nursery School Parents' Evening 4:15pm – 7:30pm                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| Thursday November 26 <sup>th</sup>                            | Toilet Training Workshop 9:15am                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| Wednesday December<br>9 <sup>th</sup>                         | Taster Evening for children who will be starting Nursery School in January<br>4pm – 5pm                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| Friday December 18 <sup>th</sup>                              | Last day of Autumn Term. Up to 3s' timings as usual.<br>10am start for Nursery School children as it is Christmas Party Day.<br>Further info to follow for Up to 3s' Christmas celebrations                                                                                                                    |
| Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> – Weds 23 <sup>rd</sup><br>December   | Christmas Holiday Club – prebooked childcare only                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> and Tuesday<br>5 <sup>th</sup> January | INSET and Home Visit Days – Nursery is closed                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| Wednesday January 6 <sup>th</sup>                             | Up to 3s' and Nursery School open for children who are remaining either<br>in the Up to 3s' or Nursery School                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| Thursday January 7 <sup>th</sup>                              | From this date we will start a few new children each day. New<br>children/children from the Up to 3s' will be given their start date in their<br>Welcome Pack. Please note that we are unable to have all new children<br>starting on the same day so there may be a slight delay before your child<br>starts. |

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| Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> – Fri 19 <sup>th</sup><br>February                                  | Half Term.<br>We are open for pre-booked Holiday Care Monday – Friday                                                             |
| Sunday March 14 <sup>th</sup>                                                               | Families Aloud 10am – 12 noon<br>Nursery is open for families to come and play together                                           |
| Thursday March 25 <sup>th</sup>                                                             | Last day of the Spring Term                                                                                                       |
| Friday March 26 <sup>th</sup> –<br>Friday April 9 <sup>th</sup>                             | Easter Holidays<br>Prebooked Holiday Care available (not Bank Holidays)                                                           |
| Monday April 12 <sup>th</sup>                                                               | Start of the Summer Term                                                                                                          |
| Monday May 31 <sup>st</sup> – Friday<br>June 4 <sup>th</sup>                                | Half Term break.<br>Prebooked Holiday Care available                                                                              |
| Wednesday July 21 <sup>st</sup>                                                             | Last Day of Term.<br>Over 3s' Nursery School will finish at 12 noon and the Leavers' Celebration will take place in the afternoon |
| PLEASE NOTE THAT THERE ARE TWO MORE INSET DATES TO BE CONFIRMED FOR THE SPRING/SUMMER TERMS |                                                                                                                                   |