

Cherry Class Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers, we hope this newsletter finds you well.

Firstly, we would like to introduce you to the Nursery team.



Lydia
QTS Nursery
Teacher



Rachel
Nursery Manager



Jo
Family & Admin
support



Laura
Deputy Manager



Colleen
Early years practitioner



Mel
Early years practitioner



Kelly-Anne
Early years practitioner



Laura
Early years practitioner

Term 1

As many of you are new to the nursery, we wish you a very warm welcome to Newington Nursery (Cherry class) and we thank you for choosing our nursery for your child. For those of you returning, we would like to thank you all for your continuing support and trust in us, working with us to support your child's learning.

We are very aware that, for many of you, this may be the first time that you have left your child with unfamiliar adults. As explained in our settling process, we will do everything to reassure you and your child and keep you informed and work together to support your child joining us. As part of the settling in process, we ask that you send photos of you and your family, so each child can have their very own family book to aid them to settle (Please see below for more details). Please email photos to nursery@newington.kent.sch.uk, and we will create the book for your child.

This term our theme will be 'All about me,' we will be looking at our families, building relationships, looking at our emotions and so much more.

The Nursery team are always here to support your child and family, so please don't hesitate to speak to us should you wish.

ClassDojo

All Parents/Carers should now have access to ClassDojo. Please keep checking this regularly, as we use it to share information with you. You can share your own photos and videos of your child, so that we can talk to your child about holidays, events etc. that happen outside of Nursery. If you haven't yet received an invite to join ClassDojo please speak to Rachel.

Voluntary consumables contribution

All families will receive an invoice for a voluntary consumables contribution. This is invoiced to ALL funded and non-funded children and covers snacks, sun cream, children's Christmas party, leavers party, etc. which is not covered by Government funding. This will be invoiced at the beginning of each whole term (September, January, April).



Family Books

We will be making each child a 'Family Book' that they can keep at the Nursery and look at any time. If you haven't sent us photos yet, please share a minimum of 3 photos, these can be of anyone that is important in your child's life i.e. parents, siblings, grandparents, aunts, uncles and pets etc. Please send photos via email of classdojo and list who's in each photo.

30 Hour Funding Codes

We would like to remind all Parents who receive 30 hours funding that they are responsible for re-validating their eligibility code every 3 months, by the dates given to you by HMRC. If you think that you may be entitled to 30 hours government funding please visit www.beststartinlife.gov.uk

Collecting Children

Please could you inform us if anyone else is collecting your child, even if they are on your contact form or they know the password. It really saves us time, as we will always check if you haven't informed us. Just a quick phonecall makes all the difference, our number is 01795 842300 ext 3.

Nursery Essentials

- If your child has had a case of sickness and diarrhoea, please keep them off for 48 hours.
- Bring a spare set of clothes (clearly labelled) for your child (especially underwear).
- If your child still requires a nappy change, please can you ensure that you provide nappies and wipes.
- **Please can we also ask that if your child has grapes or cocktail sausages, that these are cut lengthways.** We are unable to serve these if they are not cut correctly. Also please ensure all lunchboxes are clearly labelled with your child's name.
- Fees are to be paid weekly, monthly, or a term **IN ADVANCE**. We accept payment by bank transfer, MCAS, tax free child accounts and card payments in the school office. Our sort code: **60-60-08**, Account No: **83294902** Ref: **Child's full name**

Important dates

Tuesday 1st September – INSET day (Nursery closed)

Wednesday 2nd September – Nursery open

Friday 2nd October – School sibling photos

Friday 23rd October – INSET day (Nursery closed)

Monday 26th October- Friday 30th October – Half term

Monday 2nd November – Term 2 starts

Email: nursery@newington.kent.sch.uk

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