



The Orchard Nursery

Updates and Reminders



FOR THE DIARY:

- May half term – W/b 31st May
- May bank holiday – Mon 31st May – Nursery closed
- Children return after half term – 7th June
- Last day of summer term – Friday 16th July
- Nursery Fun Day – Saturday 21st August.
- August Bank holiday – Monday 30th August – Nursery Closed.
- First day of autumn term – Tuesday 31st August.

COVID-19

As the country gradually comes out of lock down over the next few months, we would like to reassure you that nothing will change at nursery and all the usual safety precautions remain in place. Children will remain in 3 room bubbles. Staff continue to be tested twice a week using the Lateral flow tests.

Hygiene measures thoroughly adhered to.

Thank you for supporting us to minimise the risk of COVID-19 transmission, by adhering to social distancing and wearing your mask upon arrival and departure. I request that you remain vigilant for the key symptoms in your child: you will be the first to recognise if they are unwell, or even just 'under the weather' and you must let us know if this is the case. If you have any concerns, please don't hesitate to give us a ring and we'll talk through each scenario. We have put together our 'COVID-19 Safety Measures' reminders for existing and new parents. These are attached and please read through carefully.

Sun cream and sun hats

We will provide all children with sun cream every time the children play outside on days when the UV sun levels are high.

Please let us know if you wish to provide your own sun cream (only if your child has an allergy). This will need to stay at nursery **at all times** and be clearly named.

Every child will also need a sun hat, again clearly named and this will also need to remain at nursery.



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Parent Questionnaire Feedback

Thank you to all parents who took the time to complete our Parent questionnaire. We were so pleased with the positive response. It is good to see that the hard work that goes on at nursery has been recognised. We very much rely on this process as a way of evaluating the performance of our nursery for the last year and have identified strengths along with aspects that we will continue to work together to develop.

We feel that it is important that the responses are fed back to you as parents, to keep you informed. You will hopefully see how these have been used in focusing our future developments for the year ahead.

I have compiled a summary of the responses we received, which are attached to this email. You will be able to see how your own views reflect with the majority of parents.

School Transition

During this term we will be helping prepare the children for 'Big School' by doing the register in the morning and afternoon so the children become familiar and confident with saying hello to the teacher. We will be reading lots of "Starting School" stories, and the reception teachers from Christ the King school will be visiting virtually or in person to read stories and sing some songs.

We will be meeting up with Christ the King Pre-school so children can get to know each other before they start reception.

We will also be completing a 'School Transition Form' which gets passed onto all relevant schools. A copy will be shared with you beforehand.

We will also be organising a buddy system. This means that your child will be partnered up with another child at nursery who they will be going to school with. They will be encouraged to sit together at lunch or tea time, and will be a subtle way of getting to know each other before they start school.

FUN DAY

We are very pleased to announce that this year's FUN DAY and leaver's party will be going ahead. This will take place a little later this year and some restrictions will be in place. This is all subject to Government guidelines.

This year's Fun Day will be taking place on **Saturday 21st August 2021 11.30am-2.30pm** on Christ the King playing fields behind the nursery.

We will be having a BBQ, Bouncy Castle, Face Painting, Tombola, Raffle, and lots of games and activities. Any donations from your work place of raffle or tombola prizes would be very much appreciated. Please speak to Emma or Jo.

On the same day at 2pm the children going to school in September will be performing their "Leaver's Song". After performing their song the leavers will be awarded a certificate.

All money raised will go towards toys and resources for the nursery.