



The Orchard Nursery

Updates and Reminders



FOR THE DIARY:

- Friday 8th April - Last day of term for funded children.
- Monday 25th April - Return for Summer term
- Good Friday 15th April – Nursery Closed
- Easter Monday 18th April – Nursery closed
- May Day – Mon 2nd May – Nursery closed
- May half term – W/b 30st May
- Queens Platinum Jubilee bank holiday – Thursday 2nd June – Nursery Closed.
- May bank holiday – Friday 3rd June – Nursery closed

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COVID-19

Thank you for supporting us to minimise the risk of COVID-19 transmission, by adhering to our procedures. I request that you continue to remain vigilant for the key symptoms in your child.

We recognise that because access to covid-19 testing will become increasingly restricted, and will become chargeable in some instances, it may not be possible to identify cases of covid-19.

Whilst you have a short supply of LFT's we would request that you continue to conduct an LFT home test, if your child has symptoms, and isolate if they have a positive result for 5 days, which is when they are most infectious. If you don't have any LFT's please contact the nursery as we have a small supply.

Children and young people who are unwell and have a high temperature and have symptoms of a respiratory infection, including covid-19 will be advised to stay at home and avoid contact with other people. Government guidance states that "they can go back to school, college or childcare when they no longer have a high temperature, and they are well enough to attend".

The infection control measures will, as usual be stringent.

- Hand hygiene and catch it, kill it, bin it.
- Ventilation in all rooms
- Cleaning regularly
- Wearing of masks, when required.

If you have any concerns, please don't hesitate to give us a ring and we'll talk through each scenario.

Our 'COVID-19 Safety Measures' have been updated and are attached to this email.

Ducklings

We have thoroughly enjoyed watching our ducks hatch over the last two weeks and can't believe how big they have got. We've learnt so much and the children (and staff!!) have been thoroughly excited throughout the process.

The ducklings will be returned to a farm in Cornwall to live out the rest of their days.



School Allocation

You will be able to find out on Tuesday 19th April if your child has been allocated their preferred school place. If you applied online, you can log into your account to find out your allocated school. All parents who applied on time will also get a notification by email (with a link to their notification letter) or by post.

When you know which school you have been allocated and have accepted please email us so we can communicate with your child's school.

After Easter 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 in person to read stories and sing some songs.

A 'School readiness' video will be sent to all parents to show you what we do at nursery to help prepare your child for school as well as giving support and advice on what you can do at home to help prepare your child.



FUN DAY

This year's Fun Day will be taking place on **Saturday 13th August 2022 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. More information to follow next month.

