

# SURBITON



## CHILDREN'S CENTRE NURSERY

September 2018

### WELCOME

May I extend a very warm welcome to your family from all of us at Surbiton Children's Centre Nursery.

This is our first newsletter of this academic year. We are excited to be starting this new year together with your whole family and watching your child as they grow and progress.

Our newsletters will be sent home at the start of each term. They will hopefully keep you informed of events that are happening in the nursery and provide you with information about other activities that might interest you. Each newsletter will include a list of forthcoming dates. We will also remind you of key dates (for example, school closures). The newsletter will be sent by email and can be viewed on our website although they will also be available as a hard copy.

We also send out a curriculum newsletter half termly. This will inform you about what the children are learning and how you can support their learning at home.

We have a school website [www.surbitonchildrenscentrenursery.com](http://www.surbitonchildrenscentrenursery.com) and this will also provide you with additional information about our school such as reporting absences, holidays, policies and hopefully some further information about what your child has been doing in the classrooms alongside some photos. I will have a Head's Blog and hope that you will enjoy reading this. We also use an online tool to help you see how your child learns and develops which you can add to with photos of your own!

Starting nursery is a big step for you and your child, and I know that you will have lots of questions. I hope that you found the home visit useful and informative. Should you have any further questions or suggestions at any time, please do ask any member of staff, or pop in to see me. If my office door is open please say hello.

Later on in the term we will be offering you an appointment to meet with child's class teacher. This will be an opportunity to talk about how your child is settling and to find out about the work that we do at school and see photos of your child learning in nursery. We are interested to know how your child is progressing at home and the consultation gives you an opportunity to ask questions. I do hope that you will be able to take advantage of this opportunity. However you will of course be kept informed of how your child is settling in by the staff in the classrooms. Lastly I would like to say that I hope that you and your child will enjoy your time with us. Please don't hesitate to contact me with any concerns.

Best wishes

Esther

## Ladybird Class Extended Day-care News

Before and after school hours, children have use of Ladybird room and the rear garden. The Ladybird day-care team will be displaying photographs taken in the family room and garden so that you are able to see some of the activities that children have enjoyed 'out of school hours'. They will also be sending you copies of our menus for your information. These are reviewed termly when further copies will be provided.

If your child is accessing care outside school hours - before 8.30am or after 3.30pm, I appreciate that it may be difficult for you to speak with classroom staff if your child is not collected until after 5.00pm. You will be offered the opportunity to attend a parent consultation meeting, but should you need to speak to your child's teacher at any time, please do ask a member of staff who will ensure that a convenient time is arranged for you.

Please do ask a member of the Ladybird class team, or me, if you need more information or have any suggestions at any time.

## Diary Dates

Tuesday 16th October - Parent Workshop (details tba)  
Monday 22nd October to Friday 26th October - Half Term Week  
Monday 29th October - Full Day Closure for Staff Training  
(School will be closed to ALL children)  
Wednesday 7th November - Welly Walk and Cake Sale  
Week Beginning 12th November - Parent Consultations  
Tuesday 13th November - Photographer—Individual Photos  
Friday 7th December - Christmas Fair 3.45pm-5.00pm  
Tuesday 18th December - Winston Musical Entertainer  
Wednesday 19th December - Staff Christmas Show  
Thursday 20th December - Sing and Sign  
Friday 21st December - Christmas Party and Last Day of Term

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*School Closed from Friday 21st December 2018  
until  
Thursday 3rd January 2019 at 8.00am for Extended day children attending All Year  
or  
Monday 7th January 2019 at 8.00am for Extended Day children attending Term Time Only*

**Monday 7th January 2019-Morning Closure for staff Training until 12.30pm  
School will be open all day for 3 year old Ladybird children attending an extended day**

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## Healthy Lifestyles



In the school we are working hard to support children to make healthy choices.

All the children have access to water throughout the day. We plan balanced meals for children who attend for extended day-care and offer snacks during part time sessions. Snacks always include a choice of fresh fruit and an alternative such as raw vegetables, bread sticks, oatcakes etc. Milk or water will be offered at snack time.

Children have daily access to physical play in our well resourced outdoor area throughout the year. May I please remind you that children need to wear suitable shoes and clothing for outdoor play? It will help us if you can name outdoor clothing which children take off, such as coats and hats. We are delighted that many of you have purchased our school sweatshirts. Please can you make sure these are named.

## Dates to Remember

School Term and Inset closure dates are listed in the parent's handbook. Please ask in the administration office if you need another copy of the closure dates.



## Parking near the Nursery

As a matter of courtesy towards our neighbours, may I please remind you not to park in residents parking bays, or to block residents' cars when bringing or collecting children. Thank you for your co-operation



## Fire Procedure

Parents and carers who arrive after 9.00am and 1.00pm will be asked to record their child's name in the Late Arrivals Book. This is to ensure that all children can be evacuated safely and accounted for in the event of a fire.



## School Uniform

School uniform is optional here in the nursery. However the children do get very messy in the classroom and our school t shirts and sweatshirts are very practical. New and second hand uniform is available from the school office. Please remember to name all items.

## Help Needed

If any Mums or Dads are good at minor repairs to toys, or can offer any other skills please let us know

Thank You



## Children's Safety

In the interest of all of our children please can you make sure you shut the gate behind you and secure it with the latches. We don't want to lose anyone.



## Recycled Materials



Please could you bring in any clean recycled yoghurt pots, cereal cartons, kitchen roll tubes (no loo roll tubes) and material for the children to use as part of their design and making activities..

We also need and spare rolls of wallpaper for using outside to extend our children's mark making.

Thank you

## Tissues



In school we use lots of tissues for runny noses! If you are able to donate any boxes of tissues throughout the year, we would be very grateful.



## Website News



[www.surbitonchildrenscentrenursery.com](http://www.surbitonchildrenscentrenursery.com)

Information about the nursery can be found there, along with the latest news and school activities. You are also able to request holiday and report absences.

We are developing our website and look forward to hearing from you about any improvements that we could make.

## Kingston Families Information Service (FIS) and the Family Services Directory

The FIS provides information and advice to parents and carers about childcare, paying for childcare, early education, Children's Centres, leisure, activities and support for families.

Advice is provided by telephone advice line - 020 8547 5004

Email [fis@achievingforchildren.org.uk](mailto:fis@achievingforchildren.org.uk)

Website page: [www.afcinfo.org.uk](http://www.afcinfo.org.uk)

The FIS also has a facebook page [www.facebook.com/afcinfo](http://www.facebook.com/afcinfo)

and a Twitter account [AforC\\_info](https://twitter.com/AforC_info)

Families can also search for childcare and information on the Family Service Directory [www.kingston.gov.uk](http://www.kingston.gov.uk) ( see the link under children Schools and Families on the homepage). This contains a comprehensive directory of all the childcare providers in the borough.