

SURBITON

CHILDREN'S CENTRE NURSERY

November 2019

Welcome back after the half-term holiday. It was lovely to see how the children have returned with smiling faces and an eagerness to see their friends and join in the activities in the classrooms. The children have enjoyed learning about Autumn and the Tapestry challenge on display is amazing.

Thank you also for all the very positive feedback on the "settling survey" we sent out last week. We really appreciate you taking the time to tell us what we are doing well but also what we need to consider to be even better!

This half-term is always a busy one and before we know it Christmas will be here. We have arranged for a variety of activities to take place during this festive season, and all the dates are on the website and at the end of this letter.

On a sad note some of you may have noticed that Lilly Badea one of our teachers has not been at school since half term. Unfortunately she is very seriously ill and in hospital and won't be returning until she is completely recovered. If you would like to make a small donation we will be sending her a card and some flowers from the children, please just pop it into the school office. Just to reassure all parents we have been covering her role with known staff so that the children aren't affected.

From next week Tess will be beginning weekly outings to Fishponds where the children will have opportunities of learning and discovery through the 'Forest School'. If you are able to help volunteer and attend the forest school sessions please talk to Tess Dean our EYFS leader in The Den.

I thoroughly enjoyed meeting you and your families at the Welly Walk, which was a huge success and we were very lucky with the weather!

Thank you all for your generosity and the time to attend the fundraiser. Along with our Cake Sale and the Welly Walk we have raised lots of money for the Christmas activities.

Update on the parking, from 11th November all local parking has become residents only between 11.00am and 2.00pm.

Please do not use Middle Green Close to park, if dropping off or picking up between these times otherwise you face the risk of receiving a ticket.

Please do not leave cars idling whilst waiting as this is bad for children's health and the environment. Please also be considerate of the neighbours while dropping off and picking up.

We are pleased that so many of you have signed up to use Tapestry and thank you for the lovely updates which have already been sent in. There is still time to sign up if you haven't already done so. It is an excellent way of finding out what your child has been learning in school.

Thank you so much for your support.

Best wishes

Esther

Welly Walk

The Welly Walk was a great success and the weather was kind to us.

The children participated with enthusiasm and the huge support we received from the parents made the day even more special.

We are still counting the Sponsor Money and will let you know how much we raised soon.

Diwali – The Festival of Lights

This is one of the largest and brightest Indian festivals celebrated worldwide. It marks the triumph of good over evil. The children helped to make and sample chapattis. Some were dressed in traditional costume and they all listened to stories.



Coffee & Conversation

Esther was delighted to be able to meet, chat and share a coffee with so many parents in early October and is considering making it a regular date . Please let us know if you would be interested



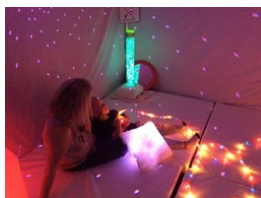
Bulb Planting Day

Thank you to all those people who braved the drizzle on Bulb Planting Day. We had lots of fun and managed to plant over 300 bulbs.

We hope to welcome a 'host of golden daffodils' in the Spring.

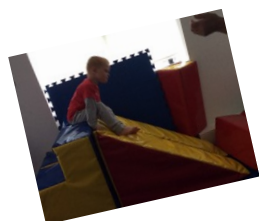


Green Class



Our morning and afternoon children have settled into their first term very well.

<https://tapestryjournal.com/> All children have videos and pictures on Tapestry our online learning journal. So if you haven't accessed these please do so. If you are having any problems with Tapestry please speak to Claire who will be happy to help. We will be posting videos of Sensory Circuits, symbol use, group time and other activities. The journal is used to highlight and track your child's learning.



We have also been very much enjoying the new sensory room which is a lovely calming and relaxing space for the Green Class, Den children and Ladybirds.





Tree Planting and Eco School



I have ordered 50 sapling trees some of which will be planted in the school grounds as part of our ECO award but we would like for families to make a donation and take a tree or plant in their own gardens as a special 'Surbiton Tree'. If you would like a tree please com and see me (Esther)

Armistice Day

The children created their own special poppies to mark Armistice Day and to remember and honour those who have served in the Armed Forces.



Half Term Holiday

The Ladybirds were out and about during the holidays with trips to the park followed by a warming hot chocolate.



They were also very busy preparing for Halloween by carving pumpkins, making pumpkin soup, wands and witches hats.

Lunch Club - Spring Term

Lunch Club is a social occasion when children have the opportunity to share lunch and join in conversation with a small group of their peers and a member of the nursery team in the family room. Children attending Lunch Club will be provided with a hot lunch, cooked on site, and drink. Places are subject to availability.

The sessions are :

11.30am to 1.00pm. for AM children

11.15am to 12.30pm for PM children

The cost of Lunch Club is £14.50 per session. Places will be allocated on a first come first served basis.

Letter to follow shortly



Christmas Sing and Sign

You are invited to see the children singing and signing some Christmas songs for you to enjoy.

Tuesday 17th December—The Hive

Wednesday 18th December— The Nest

Green Class will be having their own event.

Details nearer the time.



Christmas Fair

Raffle

Campfire
and
lights

Face
Painting

Friday 6th December 2019
Between
3.45pm and 5.00pm

Biscuit
Decorating

Refreshments



Games

Christmas
Stalls

And
More...





Surbiton Children's Centre Nursery

Christmas 2019 News

Christmas will soon be upon us and we have now finalised arrangements for our Christmas events. Please note them in your diaries and do contact me if you have any questions.

Friday 6th December

Christmas Fair and Festival of Lights 3.45pm to 5.00pm

Wednesday 11th December

Ladybird Extended Day children will be having their traditional Christmas Lunch

Monday 16th December

Earthsong: Musical Entertainer and Storyteller for all the children

Tuesday 17th December

Christmas Sing And Sign—The Hive

Wednesday 18th December

Christmas Sing And Sign—The Nest

Thursday 19th December

Christmas Parties for the children will be during their usual AM or PM session....***More details to follow soon.***

Ladybird Children 3 Year Old's

Children should attend for their normal contracted hours and will attend their class parties.

Friday 20th December

Inset Day

School closed for all children

Monday 23rd December

School open to children on a Year Round contract

Tuesday 24th December

School open until 1.00pm to children on a Year Round contract

Thursday 2nd January 2020

School reopens for Ladybird children who attend on a Year Round contract at 8.00am

Monday 6th January 2020

Inset Day—School is closed to all children for staff training.

Back to school Tuesday 7th January 2020

We need items for the Christmas Fair
If anyone has anything tucked away in their
cupboards that we can sell or use as a raffle prize,
(for example gifts you may have
received but won't use) please may we have them?



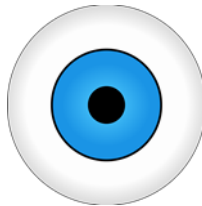
Thank you



Reminders

Parking

Please be aware that parking restrictions have recently come into force in this area.
Enforcement officers will be watching.



Lost Property

This is kept in reception. Please make sure you have a good look through as any remaining items will be disposed of during the holidays.

Dogs are not allowed on school premises



Toys

We have some toys that need a bit of basic care and attention.

We would love to hear from anyone who would like to help. No expertise is necessary, mainly imagination, patience and gluing.

Mobile Phones

We do not permit the use of mobile phones or cameras in our school .
This is for the safety and protection of all children.

