



May 2021

WELCOME

Welcome back to the final term of this school year – where has the time gone? A very warm welcome to all of our families and to new families joining us this term. It has been wonderful to see how well the children have settled back into the large bubble again and see all their friends. I do hope that you all enjoyed the Easter Break . Thank you for supporting the Easter Raffle which raised over £299.00 collectively.

It doesn't seem that long ago that we were welcoming all of you to our nursery and now you will soon be thinking about the next stage of schooling for your children.

This is always an exciting term and the children suddenly seem to really mature in readiness for transition to Reception. With that in mind I hope to run my "get ready for school" workshop in June in person once the restrictions have been lifted. I know that for our Rising 4's many of you have received your school offers and that you will be thinking about the next stage in your child's education. It is a very exciting time for you all and it is often the case that the children become unsettled in nursery and don't want to come because they are thinking they will be going to their new school. It is of course very important to prepare your child for this transition but it is approximately 18 weeks or 126 sleeps until they start school and this for young children is a very long time to wait. We will be making arrangements to support the children with the transition to their new schools, even if some of that is still virtual.

The cases of Coronavirus within the local area have dropped significantly and more and more people have now had their vaccine and so it is starting to feel that we are easing back to brighter times! We follow the most up to date guidance on safe reopening for the school and so there will still be some restrictions, however we strive to create the very best and most exciting environment we can for the children so that they continue to thrive and learn through play! Can I also remind everyone that Lateral flow tests are now very widely available and it is worth completing them on a weekly basis. However a Lateral flow test shouldn't be done if you or your child have any of the 3 main symptoms. We realise these can be tricky to do with very young children and that isolating is also a challenge, however until restrictions change this is still the expectation.

We are now able to continue with some of our off-site visits, following our forest school learning and the children have loved exploring the Fishponds park and developing skills such as climbing, balancing and team work!

This summer we hope to operate our summer club and will be sending out more information after the half term break. Thank you to those of you who have expressed an interest .

As mentioned in last terms newsletter we will be launching our LOGO competition on 7th June for the change in name to "Surbiton Hill Nursery School" . All entries can either be uploaded via Tapestry or handed in to the office. The drawing can be anything related to Nursery or the new name Surbiton Hill. I am looking forward to seeing the ideas the children have.

Best wishes

Esther



School News



Attachment Aware School

This year we have been working with the virtual school on an award to ensure all staff are training in attachment and trauma awareness to help children with their behaviour, regulation and to improve outcomes. Our award is called “Every Interaction Counts” and we hope to share some top tips and ideas with parents for Emotion Coaching to help support behaviour at home. These will be on our website.

Changes to EYFS 2021



From September 2021 The early years foundation stage is changing for Schools and Early years settings. This is a major reform and is exciting for us all as a sector. There will be a change in the curriculum offer and how schools report on their assessment of young children. For more information about this and the changes for children starting reception please read this <https://www.eyalliance.org.uk/changes-eyfs-2021>

Outdoor Learning

At Surbiton we are passionate about the outdoors. We believe that learning outside and being in nature is essential to children's wellbeing as well as improving their physical skills, their concentration and help create a love of nature to ensure we have a sustainable future. We encourage the children to help with planting, gardening work and looking after the tiny creatures they find outside.



Community News

Walk to School Week 17th May-21st May 2021

We encourage all of our families to support this event by walking, cycling or scooting to school next week . Leave the car at home and help the environment.



Safety by the Gates



We have noticed that a few children have been playing whilst waiting for the gates to open very close to the road. Please ensure you help to keep children safe by supervising them near to the roads and talk to your child about road safety. We will be talking about roads and safety next week as part of the walk to school week.

Employment Opportunities in Kingston & Richmond

<https://jobs.thirdsector.co.uk/job/458616/deputy-chair-board-of-trustees>

<https://www.kingston.gov.uk/jobs-careers-volunteering>

<https://www.jobcentrejobs.co.uk/jobcentre/kingston-jobcentre>

Diary Dates

May 2021-July 2021

Week of 10th May – Parent consultations (in person or online)

Walk to School Week 17th - 21st May

Half Term break - Monday 31st May-Friday 4th June

Monday 7th June - Inset training day (part time children only closure)

Tuesday 15th June — the photographer will be in school all day
Sorry no siblings allowed at this time

Wednesday 23rd June “Get Ready for School” Workshop 7pm

22nd July Last day of term

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Family Picnic – if restrictions allow

23rd July INSET Full Day school closure
School will be closed for ALL children

Extended Daycare

Monday 31st May –Bank holiday whole school closure

Monday 7th June - INSET for Part time children
Extended Daycare will be open

Friday 23rd July INSET - School closed to all children

Monday 16th August 2021 – Wednesday 1st September — School closed for summer break

Autumn Term 2021

Wednesday 1st September 2021 School term begins – details will follow for return to Nursery