



## **NEWSLETTER 4th JUNE 2018**

Welcome back everyone, we hope you had a lovely half term. Welcome to our new children Rushi, Daisie and Wilfred.

### **Term dates**

Summer term (7 weeks remaining):

Monday 4th June – Friday 20th July

Autumn term (14 weeks):

Tuesday 4 Sept – Friday 19 Oct

Monday 29 Oct – Monday 17 Dec

### **Parent consultations – this week**

The sign-up sheet went up before half term. If you would like to see your key person but haven't yet made an appointment, please see Diane.

### **Transition to school**

The Reception teacher from St Nics is coming in on Wednesday 27 June to meet some of the children and speak to staff. There is no need to bring your child in that day if they do not normally come on a Wednesday. We will let you know if and when any other schools are coming to visit.

### **Encouraging independence**

As usual, we like to give some extra focus to encouraging independence during the summer term, particularly for the school leavers. We will be expecting them to get themselves ready to leave – finding their own coats and bags and putting them on themselves, so things may take a little longer! You could help by also encouraging them to do the same at home.

### **Dressing up – school uniform**

If anyone has any spare school uniform, we would love this for our dressing up rail – size doesn't matter.

## **Summer social Thursday 12 July**

We traditionally have a summer social to raise money for our nominated charity (this year it is Cherry Trees – a local respite care provider). Elizabeth and Aidan (Ryland's parents) have generously offered to host and we will send invites out soon.

## **Induction for new starters – Wed 13<sup>th</sup> June**

Our new starters will be coming in on this day so pre-school will be busier than normal. It would be really helpful you could make a special effort to drop off on time and to leave the hall by 9am.

## **Forest school information session – Friday 29<sup>th</sup> June**

Natalie will be hosting an Information session for all September Forest schoolers on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> June straight after drop off. We will email a reminder nearer the time.

## **Uniform items – For September**

We have stocked up on items both for Forest School and for pre-school generally. It is really nice when the children wear their Child's Play t-shirts. We have the following (all in a variety of colours):

Backpacks - £19. These are suitable for 3-4 year olds, have good storage space and have chest straps. Forest school is very hard wearing on rucksacks so a good quality one with chest straps to keep it in place is essential (and very hard to find in the shops).

Long sleeved t-shirts - £9. These are especially handy for Forest School as long sleeves must be worn at all times, but also good for general pre-school use.

Short sleeved t-shirts £6.50

Beanie hats - £6

We will have everything out on display for the Induction session when the new starters come in, and they will also be available at the Forest School information session, but if you want to make sure you get what you want, just ask us for any items. Order forms and all stock items will be at pre-school.

### **Ball skills**

These Monday afternoon ball skills sessions are going really well – Danny and Ronny, the leaders, have a really good rapport with the children. In Autumn term the focus was football, in Spring it was Rugby, and this term it is Cricket. We intend to use the school field as much as possible this half term. We hope to continue with these sessions in September.

### **Pyjama Drama**

The children really love these sessions. We understand that Ana-Maria and Anthony may be looking to move out of the area at some point so we may not be able to carry these sessions on in September.

### **GDPR**

We have been updating our Policies and Procedures in line with these new Regulations. We will be placing our new Policy on the website and will have updated Privacy Notices for you to sign very soon.

### **Sports Day – Monday 9th July – 9.30 am**

Sports Day will be on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> July starting at 9.30am. Parents should meet us at St Nics sports field (go down the lane to the school off The Mount and the field is on the right). If the weather is terrible we will move it to Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> July.

### **End of term Party – Friday 20th July**

We will be having our party on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> between 10.45am – 11.30am. Ana-Maria and Anthony from Pyjama Drama are hosting the party for us. Everyone is invited so come along even if you don't normally come on a Friday. The children can come in dressing up if they want to.

### **Last day – Friday 20th July**

We will finish at 12.00pm on the final day of term.

### **Sound of the week**

The letters/sounds we will be focussing on this half term are:

w/b Jun 4 – f

w/b Jun 11 – g

w/b Jun 18 – h

w/b Jun 25 - i/e for ice/eyes

w/b Jul 2 j/g for jigsaw/giraffe

w/b Jul 9 – c/k

w/b Jul 16 – l

Please encourage your child to bring something in each day beginning with the appropriate sound.

### **Music – message from Rebecca**

“Can't believe this is the last half term. We have lots of fabulous musical fun to fit in over the next few weeks. We will be learning to play 'The Childs Play Band song' which will involve recognising and playing 7 percussion instruments each. This is so much fun, trying to recognise all of the instruments quickly in time to the music whilst singing. We have our Jolly Phonics vowels to learn and we will also be carrying on with our creepy crawly songs”

### **Topics**

weeks 1-3: Oceans and water

week 4: Things in the sky

week 5: Transport or Space (to be decided)

week 6: Holiday (with lots of cooking activities)

week 7: Free – if anyone has a particular idea or a topic they have loved and want to do again, just let us know.

We will let you know via Tapestry the detailed activities we will be doing each week.

### **Invoices**

We need all invoices to be cleared by the end of term at the latest. Some of you are paying in instalments, which is fine, but some are wholly outstanding. It really affects our cashflow when we receive lots of payments very late in the term so we would appreciate prompt payment. If anyone needs a copy of their invoice, please let us know.

### **Holidays**

A reminder to let us know if you are planning to be on holiday during the half term. In particular, if you are leaving this year and you are planning to leave before the end of term we will need to know in order to have your scrapbooks etc. ready.

### **Tapestry**

Those of you who are leaving will get to keep your Tapestry file on a USB stick.

### **Summer clothes**

Please can everyone bring a NAMED hat every day and a change of clothes – we will be doing

lots of water play so the children may get wet. As the children are likely to be wearing items we haven't seen before it is even more important to NAME EVERYTHING – even if it is just with pen on the label. And please name water bottles – lots of children have the same style bottles.

Also, could you apply sun-cream before school on hot days. We do have some at pre-school in case you forget, but we don't have the time to apply it routinely to all the children.

### **Forest School clothing**

A reminder that even in hot weather the children must still wear boots, long sleeved tops and long trousers. And they should have their waterproof trousers in their bags.

### **Snacks / Lunches /Drinks**

Please remember to bring a named water bottle; a piece of fruit each day (to be put in the fruit box); a packed lunch; an afternoon snack for those staying for the afternoon. **No nuts of any kind please.**

We regularly have far fewer pieces of fruit for morning snack time than we have children so please, please can you remember to bring this in. If you don't have anything, can you let us know so we are able to decide whether to cut some fruit up or pop out to buy some.

### **St Nic's Summer Fair – Sat 30<sup>th</sup> June**

A poster for the fair is included as a separate attachment to this email. The Fair is open to everyone to attend so please feel free to go along.

### **Requests**

We are OK for newspaper for now but we could do with some old yoghurt pots for glue if you have any.

### **Waitrose shopping**

Throughout June, Waitrose in Guildford will be featuring Guildford County School in the green token charity scheme. County are raising money towards a new, much needed, sports hall. Most of your children will benefit from this in the future so please so pop your green token in their slot if you are shopping in Waitrose.

### **Useful links**

This is an easy to understand explanation of the EYFS and the learning goals we use.

[http://www.foundationyears.org.uk/files/2015/09/4Children\\_ParentsGuide\\_Sept\\_2015v4WEB1.pdf](http://www.foundationyears.org.uk/files/2015/09/4Children_ParentsGuide_Sept_2015v4WEB1.pdf)

Surrey Family Information Service – has lots of information on a range of issues eg education, childcare, support services.

<http://new.surreycc.gov.uk/people-and-community/family-information-service>

Also, Surrey Children's Therapies which has lots of information on Speech and Language therapy, Occupational Therapy and Physiotherapy resources.

<http://www.surreychildrenstherapies.co.uk/>

Surrey CC Early Years and Childcare Service have developed some lovely leaflets to provide parents with useful information on how you can support your child's development. They cover speech, reading, counting, physical development, emotional development etc. and are well worth a look.

<http://www.surreycc.gov.uk/people-and-community/family-information-service/education-and-learning-advice-for-families/early-learning>

**Thea and Susan**