

SURBITON HILL NURSERY SCHOOL



Spring 1 Newsletter

Welcome back and a warm welcome to our new families joining this term.

Our newsletter is sent out every half term and aims to keep you informed of events that are happening in the nursery. Each newsletter includes a list of forthcoming dates. We are planning some exciting events for this term and will keep you updated via Tapestry and the website.

Staffing News

We bid a fond farewell to Debbie, one of our lunchtime supervising team and we are excited to welcome Meliz to the team from February.

Community News

I hope you all had a good Christmas although it already feels like it was a long time ago. The daylight is increasing and soon all the green shoots will be starting to pop up. Please do share any pictures of signs of spring on Tapestry for us all to enjoy.

We are celebrating our Autism Accreditation Award, received in December. Well done to all the staff involved for their hard work and dedication. Thank you, too, to all the parents who contributed. We are very proud.

We have been celebrating Lunar New Year this week and the children have loved the different activities surrounding this. Have a look on Tapestry to see some of the fun had.

A huge thank you to those of you who have been able to contribute to the Voluntary School Fund, following our email sent at the beginning of January. We have raised a staggering £880 so far and will be using some of these funds to expand our sensory room and equipment.

Thank you, also, to those of you who were able to make our rearranged Sparkle event. All the Christmas and Sparkle activities made close to £1,000!

We will be holding a 'Valentine's' cake sale on Thursday 13th February which will also be raising money for our school fund. All the money goes towards enriching the nursery experience for all of our nursery children.

Next week we will be celebrating Children's Mental Health Week. Look out for posts on Tapestry.

Have a wonderful weekend.

Workshops

We hold our Workshops at the STAR Centre on King Charles Crescent

Our upcoming workshops this half term:

Babbling Babies - Wednesday 5th and Wednesday 12th February

We are also holding a 'Big Feelings' workshop at the nursery on Wednesday 5th February at 7.30pm. This is a very popular workshop which previous parents have found useful. An online link will be available for those not able to make it in person.

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Curriculum Overview

At SHNS our curriculum is accessible for all of our children.
The same goal, different pathways

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To become a confident learner - PSED

To understand others and be understood - C&L

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To move with purpose while managing risks - PD

To enjoy stories and rhymes - Literacy

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To be a mathematical problem solver - Maths

To explore and look after my world and the people in it - UTW

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To create an emotional response through my senses - EAD

To become resilient and persevere even when things are hard

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NATURAL THINKERS

We are concentrating on gaining a Natural Thinkers accreditation. Natural Thinkers is a programme which connects children with nature, through practical activities that are inspiring or motivating. This fits very well with the ethos of our nursery. From this, we hope to develop our Climate Action Plan, which is part of the Department for Education's (DfE) sustainability leadership and climate action plans initiative. If any parents have any experience in this area, we would love to hear from you!

More information about the Natural Thinkers Programme can be found at naturalthinkers.co.uk

We are also encouraging the children to look after the nursery environment, including caring for the resources we have.

Pick up/drop off

A reminder, please, not to leave babies/children unattended in cars, even for a few minutes. If you need help getting your child in to/out of nursery, then please call the office and we can arrange for a staff member to help.

Dogs:

We have a 'no dog on school site' policy, with the exception of guidance dogs. If you need to bring your dog and have concerns about leaving it tied up outside the school gates, please speak to Esther.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

To be able to organise visits within the local community, we need volunteers! Please let us know if you can spare a few hours and are interested in becoming a volunteer to help us take small groups of children to a local retirement home, Ashby House, for intergenerational work.

We are also looking for volunteers to help with our trips to Fishponds park for our off site Forest School experiences. Please talk to either Chris, Jo or Jacqui if you are able to help.

We are also asking for donations of herbs.

Many thanks for your continued support.

MOBILE PHONES



When in the school grounds, please do not use your mobile phone.

ONLINE SAFETY

To ensure children are using any device safely, please see the advice on setting parental controls. Scan the QR code for the device you use.



Clothing

As the weather improves, we will continue to access the garden every day. Please could you dress your child in practical clothing that suits the temperature and weather

. There is no such thing as bad weather, only unsuitable clothing!

Please send children dressed and ready in waterproofs and wellies on wet days.

Children are encouraged to look after their personal belongings, but clothes that children take off are easily mislaid. It would help if you could name clothes that children take off in school. We put any unnamed items that we find in the lost property basket by the office.

TOILETING

We remind children to use the toilet. However, accidents do still happen (children get engaged in many exciting activities and may leave it too late). This is not a problem for us and you do not need to worry if your child has accidents.

If your child has a particular problem in this regard, your teacher will discuss with you ways that we can manage this together.

The ERIC website is very useful for tips and ideas on toileting, toilet training and all things toilet related!

<https://eric.org.uk/>

Dates for the Diary

Mon 3rd Feb	Children's Mental Health Week
Wed 5th/Wed 12th Feb	Babbling Babies Workshop - Star Centre 8.30am
Wed 5th Feb	Big Feelings Workshop - Nursery 7.30pm
Thurs 13th Feb	Valentine's Cake Sale 11am/3pm
Friday 14th Feb	INSET Training - Nursery closed to ALL children
Mon 24th Feb	New Term Begins

DLA and DAF

If your child is eligible for Disability Living Allowance (DLA), please let us know. You can complete the form here - <https://www.gov.uk/disability-living-allowance-children/how-to-claim>

We can claim additional funding - Disability Access Funding (DAF) - if your child is entitled to DLA, so please do have a conversation with Emma, our SENCO

