

# SURBITON HILL NURSERY SCHOOL



## Summer 1 Newsletter

### Community and School News

This term we will be learning about the next season change of spring into summer. The children have been learning some key skills through sewing and weaving, as well as cooking and preparing food.

The children have had a go at Maypole dancing and singing time has been all about spring and summer songs.

We have enjoyed some wonderful events - the Easter trail was so well attended and a great day out. We celebrated Earth Day and the children had a wonderful time with the animals when the Farm came to visit. As part of Mental Health Week, the Den enjoyed hot chocolate and a chat with families around a campfire.



### Staffing News

Congratulations to our SENCO, Hannah, who has had a beautiful baby boy. We wish her and her family all the best and look forward to welcoming her back in due course.

We have a vacancy for anyone interested in becoming one of our Governors - please speak to Esther to find out more.

# Workshops

We are holding a 'Transition to School' workshop on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> June at 7pm in the nursery for those families with children starting primary school in September.

# Holiday Club

We are running a holiday club during the May half term and the Summer Holidays. We also cover childcare in September to cover any childcare gaps before your child starts at their primary school.

Please contact the office for details



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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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## Mobile phones

Please remember that mobile phones are not be used at any time whilst dropping off and collecting your child.

This is not only a safeguarding requirement but it is also very important that children feel their parent is fully present when they see them. They will want to re-connect with you or say goodbye and this isn't an easy task if you are scrolling or taking a call. We are always trying to develop speaking and listening in school and know how important Early language is and so having the opportunity to chat to your child and model facial expressions is key.

## Sun safety

Please remember to send your child in with a named water bottle each day. Please apply sun cream before sending your child in to nursery. For those children staying after lunch, the nursery has our own supply of suncream which we will apply at lunchtime.

We also recommend closed toe shoes to protect little toes!

## Walk to School week Monday 18<sup>th</sup> May - Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May

'Walk to School' week is an opportunity to do our bit for the environment and reduce our usage of car journeys wherever possible. This could mean that you walk, ride or scoot to school. We will be teaching the children about road safety, having fun in the playground with our school bikes and trikes, and linking all of our learning to our Natural Thinkers commitments.

If you would like to be involved, please read the information on:

<https://www.livingstreets.org.uk/walk-to-school>

There is no pressure to join in with this and we will be doing lots in school with the children through their play and learning sessions.

## Keeping Children Safe - New door policy

With immediate effect, we will be trialing a new door policy for the main entrance to the nursery.

At drop off and pick up times, we will not be leaving the doors in an open position. A member of staff will open and close the doors to let parents/carers in and out as they arrive and depart.

Our priority is to keep the children (and their younger siblings) safe.

Thank you for your understanding.

## School Meal Vouchers - Important Update

The Household Support Grant funding that was paying for the insurance of meal vouchers for the school holidays has now ceased. This means that means-tested school meal vouchers can no longer be issued.

The Local Authority will receive a grant through a new Crisis and Resilience Fund to continue to support vulnerable families.

From May half term onwards, including the Summer 2026 school holiday, Kingston will be moving from vouchers to individual payments through a direct application process.

If residents experience a sudden financial crisis, or need help paying for food during the school holidays, they can now apply for a crisis payment from the Crisis and Resilience Fund:

<http://www.kingston.gov.uk/benefits-and-support/crisis-and-resilience-fund>

Information, including eligibility details, is available on the council website. As part of the application process, broader support is now available and designed to help prevent a future crisis. If families need extra help submitting their application, they can call 020 8547 5000.

If you have any questions, please email: [householdsupportfund@kingston.gov.uk](mailto:householdsupportfund@kingston.gov.uk)

Any of our affected families are very welcome to speak to Esther.

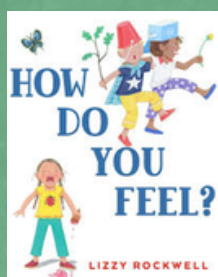
## Core Books

Each term we focus on a different story – we call these our core books. This term in the Nest and Burrow, the core book is Jasper's Beanstalk by Nick Butterworth and Mick Inkpen. The children have been listening to this story in class and have engaged in activities around growing, linked to this book. We have some copies in our library to be borrowed. If you would like to purchase one for your child to keep, please let the office know and we can give you a copy for the retail price of £6.99. Any larger donations will go towards more books for the nursery.

## Book Recommendations

Reading with your child is one of the most enjoyable experiences you can have with a child. Please take full advantage of borrowing books from school or from your local library.

At this time of the year, children are experiencing lots of different emotions. Some good books to support children in how to talk about and express their emotions with adults and peers are.....



## Reception School Places

Thank you to those who have completed the Google form to let us know which school your child has a place at for September. Please complete the form if you have not done so.

## Attendance and Punctuality

Research shows that children with high attendance in Nursery start primary school with better learning outcomes and high levels of school readiness.

Encouraging regular attendance provides structure and simple routines that help children's development.

Bring your child to Nursery on time every session.

Good attendance and punctuality establishes good habits from the start.

Children settle more quickly into new settings and routines when arriving on time.

If your child is going to be absent, please let us know as soon as possible via the office email – [office@shn.kingston.sch.uk](mailto:office@shn.kingston.sch.uk), or by calling the office on 020 8390 2555.

Please include on your email or voicemail:

Child's full name

Child's class

Please also include the reason for the absence.

# Meet the Governors

<p>Al Stevenson Chair</p>	<p>"I hope that I can draw on the skills which I use in my work life, such as problem-solving and attention to detail, to add to the great work already done by the governance team"</p>
<p>Laura Greenshields Co-opted Vice Chair &amp; Local Authority Governor &amp; Safeguarding</p>	<p>Laura works within the Local Authority and brings a wealth of experience linked to SEND and inclusion.</p>
<p>Emma Furlong Co-opted Vice chair &amp; SEND Governor</p>	<p>Emma is a Head at a nursery in another borough and previously worked as the Deputy Head and SENCO at Surbiton Hill Nursery.</p>
<p>Bethany Barber Parent Governor</p>	<p>Bethany currently has a child at the nursery.</p>
<p>Shelly Puni Parent Governor &amp; Diversity</p>	<p>Shelly's three children have attended the Nursery and she has always been a huge advocate of the school.</p>
<p>Helen Sutherland Co-opted Governor links with 2's</p>	<p>Helen is a university lecturer based at Kingston University. She has been involved in our school Ersamus project and advises on two year old provision.</p>
<p>Jo Connibear Staff Governor</p>	<p>Jo is the class teacher in the Burrow.</p>
<p>Lisa Gardiner Clerk</p>	<p>Clerk to Governors</p>
<p>Vacancy Co-opted Governor</p>	<p>We have a vacancy for anyone interested in becoming one of our Governors - please speak to Esther if you would like to find out more.</p>

# Dates for the diary



Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> May - Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May	'Walk to School' week
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May	Inset day - nursery closed to all children
Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> May - Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> May	Half term week and Bank Holiday (25th) Year round children attend and holiday club
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> June	Term begins and child safety week
Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June	Transition workshop 7pm
Week beginning 8 <sup>th</sup> June	STEAM week and National 'Great big Green week'
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> June	International Day of Play
Starting Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> June	FIFA World Cup (Men's) - celebrating the different participating countries in the nursery
Week beginning 15 <sup>th</sup> June	Parent consultations
June/July TBC	School transition visits
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> July	Last day of term and family picnic - school closed for PT children
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> July	Inset day - nursery closed for all children
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> July - Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> August	Holiday club