



Queensway Chapel Nursery September 2019 Newsletter



Welcome back! We welcome back all the children and their families who had the summer holidays off and also all the new children and their families who are joining us for the first time. We have some changes to our staffing team—Nicole from the 3-5's room is now our SENCO, Tina is now joint Deputy Manager as well as Baby Room Leader. Linda has joined us as our Cleaner in the holidays.

Dates for your diary

16th—20th Sept	Harvest week
Fri 18th October	Concept Photographers will be in from 10:35 til 16:30
Fri 18th October	Teds Big Day Out
Wed 23rd October	Last day of term for term-time only Children
24th Oct — 1st Nov	Holiday club
Mon 4th November	First day of term—Nursery open to Everyone

Harvest week

16th—20th September

We will be asking the children to please bring in an item of food for Harvest during this week. All the food collected will be donated to Melksham Foodbank.

Could you please only give your child non-perishable items to bring in (i.e tinned or dried foods)

Tapestry

During the first week of term we will be giving out Tapestry parent agreement forms for everyone to sign so that we can get all the children on the system—this will allow parents to access their children's learning journeys on line.

Is your child starting school in September 2020

The deadline for applications is midnight on **15th January 2020**.

You can apply on line at www.wiltshire.gov.uk

Most schools will be holding open days over the next few months—please look out for leaflets in our reception.

Fundraising through recycling

Just a reminder that we do a lot of our fundraising through recycling — this helps us to buy equipment for our children.

In our reception we have several large boxes where you can put your empty crisp packets, pens, felt tips, biscuit wrappers, chocolate & cake wrappers, baby food pouches & Pringles cans. We also collect empty printer cartridges and we have a textile bank in the car park where you can donate your unwanted clothes & shoes.

We would appreciate donations of any of the above items to help with our fundraising.

Pre-existing injuries

Can parents please remember that if your child comes into nursery with any injuries or marks, you will need to let a member of staff know when you drop them off. We will then give you a pre-existing injury form to fill out.

Thank you



Hedgehogs (3-5's)



This term we will be focussing on personal, social and emotional development—to support this area of development we will be learning 'all about me'. We will be displaying a big family tree and would love children to bring in photos of their families to display on it ([these can be emailed to preschool@queenswaychapelnursery.co.uk](mailto:preschool@queenswaychapelnursery.co.uk) and Karen will print them out). We will have lots of fun activities such as junkbox modelling, building in the construction area, using our playpod resources and parachute activities—these all involve collaboration for all the children to play together and build friendships. We will also be doing 'show & tell' so children can bring in items which are special to them (eg books/ toys etc) - your child's keyperson will inform you which days this will be on.



Owls (2 year olds)

Socialising plays an important role in your child's development. As the children seek out others to share experiences, they start to build special friendships. To assist us with our socialising skills, please would you send in a favourite toy, photos or activity that we can 'show & tell'. We can talk about your child's interests and incorporate this into our activities.

Do you have an old plain t-shirt you can send in to nursery? We want to use our imaginations to decorate a t-shirt with fabric paints.

Caterpillars (Babies)



This term we will be looking at the season of Autumn, and our activities will be focussed around food tasting, messy play and small world. We will be going on walks to collect leaves for our displays and activities, making spooky gloop and tasting vegetables and fruits that are in season.

Please remember to bring spare clothes for your children and suitable clothing for the weather ahead.

Nursery Policies

The following policies have been reviewed at the last Trustees meeting and are available to be read in reception:-

Data Protection & confidentiality; **Equipment & Resources;** **Mobile Phone, Electronic device use & social networking;** **Safeguarding children;** **No Smoking;** **Alcohol & substance misuse;** **Lockdown procedure;** **Adverse weather;** **Critical incident procedure;** **Supervision of visitors;** **Supervision of children**

Healthy Lunchbox tips

Get them involved

Get your kids involved in preparing and choosing what goes in their lunchbox. They are more likely to eat it if they helped make it.



Go low fat and lower sugar

Go for low-fat and lower sugar yoghurt or fromage frais and add your own fruit.

