

Welcome

Keswick House Nursery

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Dear Parents,

The autumn term has got off to a wonderful start; the teachers have already planned many exciting activities and learning opportunities for the children. We thought it would be helpful to explain how the classrooms are run especially as the children are now learning the teachers' names.

The key teachers in the Lower Nursery are Mrs Natalia, Mrs Justyna and Miss Petrina. Our classroom assistants are Miss Lindsey and Miss Maria helps at lunchtime.

The key teachers in the Upper Nursery are Miss Kerry, Miss Jacquie and Miss Emma. Our dance teacher is Mrs Léa who teaches on Tuesdays.

Mrs Lisa is the Nursery Manager and Mrs Gabriella is our Head of Nursery Schools. Mrs Gabriella spends time here and at our partner Nursery at the main school in Wandsworth.

We have sent out a list of diary dates; unfortunately, it is not as comprehensive as in previous years due to the pandemic but we still hope to include as many events as possible.

Start and End of the School Day

You have all been given your staggered times for dropping off your children; just a reminder Miss Kerry's group is at 8.45 a.m., Miss Jacquie's group at 8.50 a.m. and Miss Emma's group at 8.55 a.m. The Lower Nursery are to arrive between 9.05 a.m.-9.15 a.m. Lower Nursery are to be collected at the back Lower Nursery classroom door. If your child is in UN and is leaving at midday then collection is from the main Nursery entrance door. If an Upper Nursery child stays all day then dismissal for Miss Kerry's group is from the main door and Miss Jacquie's and Miss Emma's group is from their classroom door via the side gate. We would like to thank parents for their patience during drop off and collection times.

Parent Communication

If you would like to communicate anything about your child please contact your child's key teacher via Tapestry. You should have all received a link to create your own log in details and password. Please let Mrs Lisa know if you have not received this. Alternatively, you can also email the school office keswick@therocheschool.com and your query will be passed on promptly. Each week your child will be given a weekly target and information about what they have achieved/enjoyed that week at Nursery via Tapestry. We pride ourselves on having good partnerships with parents. If you feel you would like to speak to a member of staff please email the office to arrange an appointment.

Curriculum

Each day we offer the children free-flow play (choice of outside and classroom play based learning) and a balance of child-initiated and adult-directed activities. Most mornings, the children have access to two focused activities. One activity is within a small group and the other activity is part of the free-flow play, available to all the children. Teachers also continue to work individually with each child and their key groups. The free-flow plan of your child's class will be posted up on Tapestry. Class timetables can be found under the parent section of our Nursery website www.keswickhousenursery.com.

This term's project is 'Marvellous Me/My Thoughts & Feelings'. Please do take a look at our website for the weekly project activities that provide suggestions for follow up ideas at home.

We have phonics focus activities during the course of the week. At this early stage it would be helpful if parents could refrain from calling the letters by their alphabet name and support us by pronouncing them according to their phonetic sound. For example, 'a' for apple and 'b' for ball. Please contact your teacher if you would like us to demonstrate how each letter sound is pronounced.

The Lower Nursery children will have forest school activities on site led by Mrs Natalia on Fridays. All children will need a school 'puddle suit' which can be purchased at Perry uniform and they will also need wellington boots to be kept at school. We shall let you know as soon as Forest School sessions off site resume.

Lunches

Please may we remind parents if your child is staying for lunch please do not send in lunch boxes or Tupperware unless your child has permission to bring in a food flask. Lunches and snacks should be sent in a disposable bag. We operate a 'no nut' policy at the school and no grapes or cherry tomatoes please.

Parent involvement

Please see our diary dates for our Nursery Curriculum Talk. This talk will be hosted via zoom and we hope to see many of you at this event. We will also be holding a talk on Emotional Well-being on 12th November and the office will send out any further workshop dates once we receive confirmation.

We look forward to an exciting term ahead and Mrs Gabriella and I are always happy to discuss any questions you may have.

Kind regards

Mrs Lisa
Nursery Manager