

Welcome to Keswick House Nursery

11th September 2023

Dear Parents

A very warm welcome to you all; we are looking forward to an exciting Autumn term in Nursery. The key teachers in the Lower Nursery are Mrs Natalia, Miss Petrina and Mrs Justyna and in Upper Nursery the key teachers are Miss Jacquie and Mrs Emma. Miss Lindsey assists in Lower and Upper Nursery too. Mrs Lisa is the Nursery Manager and Mrs Gabriella is our Head of Nursery Schools. Our dance teacher is Mrs Léa and teaches on Tuesday mornings. Mr Pedro teaches sport on Monday afternoons.

Lower Nursery children will have forest school on Monday mornings and Upper Nursery will have forest school on Tuesday afternoons. Our Forest School leaders are Miss Jacquie and Mrs Natalia.

All children participating in forest school will need a 'Puddle Suit' purchased from Perry Uniform and wellington boots. Lower Nursery should wear their school P.E kit on Monday mornings and those staying for lunch in Upper Nursery on Tuesdays should also wear their P.E kit. Please also remember to bring wellington boots if you have not already done so. Forest School starts **Monday 18th September for Lower Nursery and Tuesday 12th September for Upper Nursery.**

Please see the information chart for specifics regarding uniform and snacks each day.

Diary Dates

Keswick House Primary School Fair: Thursday 28th September 6-8p.m Enjoy a drink and talk to senior leaders and staff from local leading schools. Please email Mrs Lisa to book a place.

Curriculum Talk and coffee morning: Tuesday 17th October at 9.15a.m. (we thought it may be helpful to host the curriculum talk a few weeks into term following a 'settling in' period).

Half-term: Monday 23rd October – Friday 27th October

Parent & Teacher Meeting/Social Evening: 28th November (in person and appointments will be available to book 2 weeks before)

Long Weekend: Friday 17th November – Monday 20th November – school closed

School trip to the Polka Theatre – Thursday 23rd November at 1.15p.m.– all children may stay for lunch on this day

Christmas Show followed by coffee and mince pies: Tuesday 12th December at 9.30 a.m. (children go home after the performance and there is no afternoon school but we hope parents can stay on for Christmas festivities.

End of Term – Wednesday 13th December (school finishes at 11.30am)

We will also be sending out a fortnightly newsletter by email. We now have a comprehensive list of emails; if you would like a different email added please let Mrs Lisa know.

Start and End of the School Day

The Nursery door will be open between 8.45 a.m. until 9.05 a.m. each day and we encourage parents to arrive on time. If your child is absent or late please email and let us know on Keswick@therocheschool.com or call 020 8704 4857.

Pick up time for the children who attend half days is 12.00 p.m. and for children that stay for lunch it is at 3.00 p.m.

We will be dismissing Lower Nursery children from the side gate entrance at midday and Upper Nursery children leaving at midday will be dismissed from the main school entrance. At 3.00 p.m. all children are dismissed from the main school entrance.

There are Nursery clubs each day and please email Mrs Lisa if you have not managed to sign up for club sessions yet or if you wish to increase your sessions or register a sibling. We also have the Friday 'Stay and Play' sessions until 1.30 p.m. Please let us know if you wish to join this. Clubs start on Monday 18th September and stay and play will commence this week.

Parent Communication

As mentioned in the start pack, we use an electronic profile (Tapestry) to observe and track each child. All new parents should have received the activation email with instructions on how to access your child's online profile. As well as observations and photographs recorded on Tapestry your child will be given a weekly target as well as information about what they have achieved/enjoyed that week at Nursery. We pride ourselves on having good partnerships with parents and operate an 'open door' policy. If you feel you would like to speak to a member of staff please arrange an appointment which can take place before or after school.

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.

This term's topic is 'Marvellous Me.' An overview of each week's topic which describes our weekly project will be uploaded onto <https://therocheschool.com/nursery-parents/>. A more detailed plan with follow up activities at home is also uploaded onto Tapestry with the free-flow planning each week.

We have a phonics focus activity weekly. 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 e.g. 'a' for apple and 'b' for ball. We will discuss this in more detail as part of our Curriculum Talk.

We look forward to an exciting term ahead.

Kind regards

Mrs Gabriella and Mrs Lisa

Important Nursery Information for your fridge/family planner

Day	Uniform required	Any other information	Club information
Monday	Upper Nursery School uniform Lower Nursery School P.E kit, Puddlesuit and wellies	Helpful snacks to eat in the forest may include a banana, yoghurt pouch and a fruit bar. No Tupperware please.	Sports Club Finish 4 p.m. Please bring an extra snack.
Tuesday	Upper Nursery if they stay for lunch to wear Sports kit and bring to school puddlesuit and wellies (lots of layers for cold days). If not staying for lunch children should wear school uniform	No snack needed for Tuesday afternoon forest sessions	Spanish Club Finish 4 p.m. Please bring an extra snack.
Wednesday	School uniform		Yoga Club Finish at 4 p.m. Please bring an extra snack.
Thursday	School uniform		Construction Club Finish 4p.m. Please bring an extra snack
Friday	School uniform	Half day until 12.00	Stay and play until 1.30p.m. and includes school lunch.