

# Chagford Montessori Nursery School

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## Newsletter: Spring Term 2019

I love the children's recommendations for keeping fit and healthy this New Year, ranging from playing chase to eating ice cream. Look on our classroom display board at the pictures they've created and described, which communicate how they keep healthy. Be inspired by their original ideas - I think we should all take a tip from them!



*A peek inside the gym- they're busy working out!*

Our topic about 'keeping fit and healthy' has seen more creative mark making when decorating the Valentine boxes with mini self portraits to gift wrap their 'healthy heart' treat. We will continue looking at how food and exercise affects our bodies during the rest of this term, including more healthy cooking activities, exercising in our mini gym and listening to heart beats using a stethoscope.

The parent's questionnaires suggest that there is a preference for brief planning reports every term. We will look at the format that this will take with a view to introducing the change for next academic year. Further to parent feedback we are trying to ease morning congestion in the entrance lobby by moving the lunch trolley and sound box into the classroom.

Keeping your child's indoor shoes in their tray and saying goodbye to older children at the door would also help improve matters too. The staff are available to help your child wave at the window and then change their shoes if you'd prefer not to come in. We are always ready to listen to your views so please feel free to share these with us at any time. Likewise, if you would like to speak with your child's key teacher, we are happy to make appointments as and when requested.

World book day saw our annual Library visit, which enabled us to enjoy a range of books as well as adapt to a change in routine and learn more about keeping safe whilst out and about.



*Having chosen some books, we walked back.*



Erica, the librarian has promised to visit us at Montessori soon with her pet tortoise.

Please continue reading below for more news. Thank you for your support, Ruth and the staff team ☀

## Staff news

Congratulations to Hen who has recently completed her 'Integrating Montessori Practice' course! We welcomed Zoe at the start of this term who has settled in extremely well and brought lots of inspiration through her Forest School activities. We love her enthusiasm and that she has already enrolled onto Montessori training. Elise and Rachael continue to provide excellent support to all of the children and have enhanced their practice through short courses; 'The Characteristics of Effective Learning' and 'Mathematics'. Katie Street, our work experience student continues to help us on Mondays and Thursdays for which we are grateful.



*Shrove Tuesday fun - cooking pancakes with Zoe.*

## Tapestry

Please look at your child's learning journey regularly to keep up to date with what they have been doing. It is a great way to open up conversation about their interests which could be followed up at home. We really like it when parents add their own comments, questions and observations too.

## Hello sunshine

As the weather starts to warm up and the sun shines (hopefully!) please **apply sun cream before drop off** and supply a named hat. Thank you.

## Illness

Please have regard for children and staff by keeping your child at home when they have a cold or cough. Children who are not feeling well do not benefit from being at nursery and neither does anyone else! Thank you for your consideration.

## Theatre trip

Tickets for **'Room on the Broom' at the Northcott Theatre on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> April at 11am** are booked. **Hen (Olivia's mum)** is the group leader and will have the seating plan, so **please meet** her in the cafe beforehand. A table has been reserved in the **cafe from 10am**. Please arrange lift sharing with other parents (listed on blackboard in garage). Parking is free and unrestricted at the Northcott during the weekends.

## Word of mouth

Help to spread the word to enable new parents and their children join us in September. Prospective parents can contact me by phone or email to arrange to come and view the nursery when convenient for them.

## Information for parents

If you would like to know more about the Montessori approach, please let us know. We can guide you to our resources. We have books that you can borrow from our parent library, hold talks and training events and attend conferences, all of which we have info if you are interested.

## Term Dates

### Spring Term 2019

Ends on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> April

### Summer Term 2019

Tues 23<sup>rd</sup> April – Thurs 23<sup>rd</sup> May

1 WEEK HALF TERM

Mon 3<sup>rd</sup> June – Thurs 18<sup>th</sup> July

### Autumn Term 2019

Tues 3<sup>rd</sup> September – Thurs 17<sup>th</sup> Oct

2 WEEK HALF TERM

Mon 4<sup>th</sup> November – Thurs 19<sup>th</sup> Dec

