

Chagford Montessori Nursery School

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Newsletter: Spring Term 2021

What a dramatic start to the term - with the burst pipe and flooding prompting a sudden move into temporary premises! This, combined with the announcement of a third lockdown was not a smooth start to the year...however, we have now had three happy weeks at the Pavilion Clubhouse and are looking forward to continuing there until Easter.

of a parents ESC group. In the meantime, we have printed the i-care booklets for you to take home and start to complete. If you would like to know more about the project, there is a short video and more information on our website [Parents Page \(chagfordmontessori.co.uk\)](http://chagfordmontessori.co.uk) and you can always ask us about it too.



We have been making the most of our new outdoor opportunities including nature walks, games on the sports fields and litter picking. We cannot wait to see Spring unfold before us as we admire the marvellous views of Meldon and the surrounding area.

One of the more positive outcomes of the lockdown, is the amount of training sessions that have been made available online. As a staff team we have enjoyed furthering our interest in Education for Sustainable Citizenship (ESC) through attending inspiring webinars and are ready to progress with the next stage of our Schema Play Bronze Award.

Thank you to those of you who added your name to the ESC parent participation survey before Christmas. We will be contacting you all soon, with more details

We have decided to focus on ESC as our topic theme for this term, to supplement our usual Montessori activities. Each member of staff acts as an ambassador for a particular curriculum area each year and this enables our 'prepared environment' to stay fresh and exciting: the latest additions being an Antarctica display and a workbench for woodwork.

The staff have been busy updating your child's Montessori and EYFS activity planning over half term, to ensure that we have their next steps in mind. Since we have lost a chunk of this term, and some children have not yet returned to nursery we are not writing reports this term as we would like to do this when we can give you a comprehensive update.

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



We can't go over it and we can't go under it, so we've got to go through it!

Thank you

I'd like to thank the staff team for their help and support with moving to the Pavilion. They have made an amazing space for the children to enjoy. Also, thank you to all the parents for helping with the daily mission of keeping children's belongings organised, by naming them and ferrying them back and forth - we all miss the individually named children's pegs, that's for sure!

Covid-19

As the lockdown eases, please continue to check your child's temperature regularly to be sure it is **under 37.8 c** and be alert to the other Covid-19 symptoms. The staff at nursery have continued to work as required by the Government, despite the lack of social distancing our work affords, no PPE, Vaccination, or lateral flow tests and not without concern for their families. We do appreciate parents who have kept their children at home and got tested when they had symptoms.

No nuts please

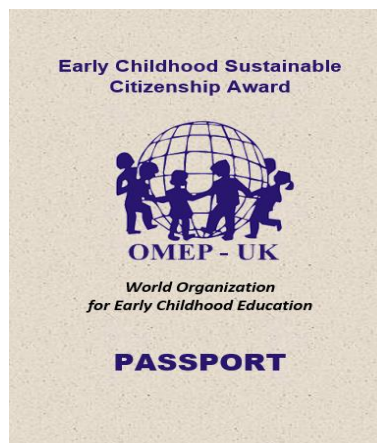
A reminder about our no nuts policy. We uphold this at all times, so that we are fully prepared to accept a child with a severe allergy. Thank you for your cooperation.

Future focus

For parents of children who are turning 4 years old this academic year, please can you **let us know where and when you intend for your child to start school**. Remember that you can defer entry to school until the term after your child turns 5. Your child will continue to receive the Early Years Funding if you'd like them to stay with us for longer.

Passport to a better world

We look forward to presenting passports to children when they have completed one of their i-care booklets. They will get a sticker to put inside the passport in recognition of their achievement.



[OMEP-UK Early Childhood Education for Sustainable Citizenship Award \(schemaplay.com\)](http://schemaplay.com)

Events

Due to Covid-19 we are not currently able to organise our usual outings or visitors. Instead, we are going to celebrate **World Book Day** (4th March) by enabling the children to listen to popular stories in other languages during that week.

Term dates

Spring Term: Ends on Thurs 1 April

Summer Term: Mon 19 Apr-Thurs 15 Jul

HALF TERM: 31 May - 4 June