

Chagford Montessori Nursery School

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Newsletter: Summer Term 2022

We have been busy bees at Chagford Montessori and there is even more buzzing to come before the end of term - all will be revealed soon!

The bring and buy shop raised £150, thanks for all your generous donations and purchases, which enabled us to plant a 'Red Falstaff' apple tree in the garden, which the children have been keenly watering. The remaining funds raised by the shop were donated to the DEC Ukraine Humanitarian Appeal which we felt appropriate at this time.



Planting the apple tree.

Thank you to those who returned the parent questionnaire. Feedback was extremely positive, which is wonderful. There were a few suggestions, which we are considering further and will provide you with updates.

Reflecting on this academic year, post Covid-19 pandemic, we have certainly noticed how the restrictions affected the children. Regular attendance at play groups and activities obviously plays a significant role in helping children get used to the noise and interactions associated with being in larger groups of children. Attending toddler groups, gym classes, soft play and other activities were previously rather taken for granted, but

we now recognise the value they have in helping to prepare children to mix happily with others at a preschool setting like ours.

The importance of children being able to **self-regulate** - the ability to monitor and manage your energy states, emotions, thoughts, and behaviours, has become an important focus in the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS). As a staff team, we have been learning more about how to help children develop self-regulation using resources provided by the Froebel Trust.



Maypole dancing.

We have been enjoying the beautiful garden at Montessori and hope you like the photo Sarah Clarke took of your child in the garden. Samples and order forms are available in the garage. Be aware that the deadline for orders is 23rd June. We are looking forward to sharing time with you ourselves in the garden on the last day of term **Thursday 14th July**, when we will hold our Summer Gathering, with songs, rhymes, refreshments and more. Please join us then at 2pm.

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

Leaving ceremonies

Every day from 3:30pm for the last two weeks of term we will be holding leaving ceremonies for the children moving on to other schools in September. We would like to make you aware that we would prefer if parents can collect their child either before or after the ceremony so as not to disturb these special events, therefore please take this into consideration when planning your day and either come **before 3:20 pm or after 3:50 pm, when collecting in July.**

Leavers

We will invite parents of those children leaving Montessori, to join us for their child's **leaving ceremony**. Due to having a lot of children transitioning to school this year, we have decided to do the leaving ceremonies in small groups. Therefore, you will join two or three other parents as we wish children farewell at this special time.

Transition reports

The staff have been working hard to complete Transition Reports / Foundation Stage Profile reports for those children leaving Chagford Montessori at the end of this term. We will be distributing these at the end of June for you to read, before they are copied and passed on to your child's new school. Photos of what your child has been doing will be uploaded to Tapestry to complete their learning journal, which you will be able to **download as a PDF from your account**, details to follow.

How to let us know

Please ring us directly on 01647 433676 and leave a message to let us know of any information regarding your child's forthcoming sessions e.g., absences. General questions and session requests can be emailed to ruthbeck-mylius@sky.com and for queries about funding and invoices email jenni.montessori@btinternet.com

Summer Gathering

Look out for the flyer in your child's tray, with details of what they need to wear, to dress up for their 'part' in our performance piece on **14th July at 2pm.**



It's all about the bees at circle time

Term dates

Summer Term 2022

Ends: Thursday 14 July 2022

Autumn Term 2022

Starts: Monday 5 September 2022

Half term: w/c Monday 24 October

Ends: Thursday 15 December 2022

Spring Term 2023

Starts: Tuesday 3 January 2023

Half term: w/c Monday 13 February

Ends: Thursday 30 March 2023

Summer Term 2023

Starts: Monday 17 April 2023

Half term: w/c Monday 29 May

Ends: Thursday 13 July 2023