



Kenilworth Children's Centre & Nursery School

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Dear Parents,

In this, our first newsletter of the new academic year we would like to thank parents for their support in what has been a wholly successful settling in period for the children and a wonderful beginning to our Nursery year. Children need time to feel safe and secure in their new surroundings and we strongly believe that our gradual settling in process which puts the child at its heart, has enabled children to do this really successfully this year. We will continue to support this process as we gradually increase to the sessions, working in partnership with yourselves at your child's pace.

Session Times

A reminder that Main Nursery session times are as follows:-

Extended Session:	9.00 am – 2.00 pm (with Lunch)
Morning:	9.00 am – 11.30 am (9.00 am – 1.00 pm if in Lunch Club)
Afternoon:	12.45 pm – 3.15 pm (11.30 am – 3.30 pm if in Lunch Club)

We encourage parents to arrive shortly before the close of the session to share in the end of their child's nursery day, **in plenty of time** to help them bring an end to their play which helps them take responsibility for tidying away their resources, remembering to de-register as they leave.

Belongings in School

Please ensure that your child's coat, clothing, lunch box and bag are clearly named.

Parent Contribution Sheets

We would be grateful if we could receive completed parent contribution sheets for inclusion in your child's Learning Journey. This was given to you on your child's home visit but if you need a replacement, please see a member of staff.

Extended Session Pick Up

Children can be collected from our Nurture Nursery entrance, through the gate on the public footpath at 2 pm.

Lunch Club

Please discuss Lunch Club attendance and any increases in sessions with your child's family group leader and remember to book and pay in advance. Afternoon children, arriving at 11.30 am, please enter through the green Nurture Nursery gate on the public footpath and knock on the Sensory Studio window so that Lunch Club staff can safely see who has arrived.

Home/School Agreement

We would be grateful if you could return your signed Home/School Agreement slip as soon as possible. This was given to you on your child's home visit but, again, if you need a replacement please see a member of staff.

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Ways in Which You Can Build your Child's Learning Power

During this half-term children will be developing their self-help skills in school. They will be putting on and fastening their own coats and coping with toileting independently. You can support this at home by **Explaining**. This breaks down as informing, reminding, discussing and training. Further information will be displayed on the noticeboard.

Tuesday 15th November – Main Nursery Photograph Day

Staff will organise your child for their photograph during their normal session.

If you would like to have family photos taken with brothers/sisters, grandparents, please book in at the Garden Studio for the following day, **Wednesday 16th November**.

Tuesday 13th December – Christmas Party Day

We will be having party food, so please consider a smaller lunch box on this day. Father Christmas will be making an appearance..

Term Dates 2011-2012

October Half Term	– School Closed from Monday 24 th October – Friday 28 th October
Training Day:	– Monday 31st October 2011 – School Closed to Pupils School Re-Opens Tuesday 1st November
Photo Day	– Tuesday 15 th November 2011. See above for details
Christmas Party	– Tuesday 13 th December 2011. See above for details
Christmas Break	– Monday 19 th December 2011 – Tuesday 3 rd January 2012 School Re-Opens Wednesday 4th January 2011
Training Day	– Tuesday 3rd January 2012 – School Closed to Pupils

Voluntary Contributions & Gift Aid

Thank you to everyone who has already made a financial contribution to the school so promptly in the new school year; your support in this way makes a huge difference and is very much appreciated. For those parents who wish to contribute half termly, £13 is now due for this half term. If you have not yet returned your Gift Aid Form, it is not too late to do so – simply complete the relevant details and return it to Jackie or Mary in the school office.

(Voluntary Contributions reminder £13 half-termly; £26 per term; £78 per annum)

SECURITY

PLEASE, PLEASE, DO NOT LET ANYONE INTO SCHOOL THAT YOU DO NOT KNOW.

Please shut the door behind you and ask any unknown person to ring the doorbell and state their need. Also, please ensure that the gate at the end of our pathway on to the pavement is closed over when you pass through. Many thanks.

Yours sincerely,

Rachel Gillett
Headteacher/Head of Centre