



# Welcome

## Nursery 2020 – 21





# Starting Nursery

- Your child is just about to begin a new and exciting phase in life when they take their first steps into Nursery education.
- We value the partnership between home and school and encourage parents and carers to become actively involved in Nursery.



# Acorn and Oak Nursery

- There are two nursery classes at Chorlton Park. One is called Acorn and one is called Oak and both classes follow the same daily routine and activities.
- They also have the same number of staff in each room and we share the outdoor space together.
- There is 1 teacher and two teaching assistants in each nursery. The class is then split into 3 smaller key groups of 13 children each.

# Key Person



- When your child begins nursery, they will be assigned a key person along with a pastoral group who they will share carpet sessions with.
- Your child's key worker will spend time really getting to know your child, their interests, their likes and dislikes and building up a strong relationship with them, giving them reassurance to feel safe, valued and cared for during their time in nursery.
- It's really important to us that parents and carers also build up strong relationships with your child's key worker so that we are working in partnership with each other and we can do everything we can to give your child an excellent start to their school life.
- If you have any questions, concerns, no matter how small please share them with us.



# Acorn Nursery Staff



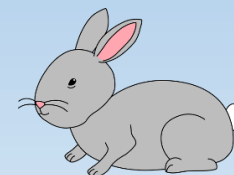
- ❖ Miss Opdam – class teacher and Duck key group



- ❖ Mr Kiernan - teaching assistant and Squirrel key group



- ❖ Miss Ledwick (Mon&Tues) and Miss Parkinson (Weds-Fri) - teaching assistants and Rabbit key group



# Oak Nursery Staff



- ❖ Miss McStravick – class teacher and Ladybug key group



- ❖ Miss Bermudez - teaching assistant and Bumblebee key group



- ❖ Mrs Safdar – teaching assistant and Hedgehog key group





# Starting in September

- ***Early September*** (exact dates TBC) – Phone call from teacher.
- ***Friday 11<sup>th</sup> September*** – ‘Stay and Play’ session.
- ***Monday 14<sup>th</sup> – Friday 18<sup>th</sup> September*** – Morning or afternoon session every day. am session is 9:00am-11:30am and pm session is 12:30pm-3:00pm.
- ***Monday 21<sup>st</sup> September – Friday 25<sup>th</sup> September*** – as above
- ***Monday 28<sup>th</sup> September*** – Full time – 8:50am-3:10pm



# HOW CHILDREN LEARN

Throughout the day, the children experience these activities to help them learn -

- Child initiated play based learning
- Key group carpet sessions
- Small group focus activities
- Inside / Outside activities

The EYFS covers 7 areas of learning:

- Personal, Social, Emotional Development
- Physical Development
- Communication and Language
- Maths
- Literacy
- Understanding the World
- Expressive Arts and Design



# Our School Day

- 8.50 Doors open  
Stay and Play
- 9.00 Register
- 9.10 Group welcome and Communication & Language time
- 9.30 Child initiated play
- 10.15 Story time
- 10.30 Child initiated play
- 11.10 Numbertime
- 11.45 Dinnertime
- 1.00 Phonics
- 1.20 Child initiated play
- 2.40 Singing time
- 3.10 Home time – children to be collected from the class by an adult



# Lunchtime



- 11.45 pm – 1.00 pm.
- Children are seated at tables.
- School lunches are varied and healthy
- The staff accompany the children to the hall as well as 3 lunch ladies.
- Children are encouraged to use a knife and fork.
- If your child is not eating as much as we would like then we will tell you.
- Packed lunches – healthy only please (no chocolate, sweets or fizzy drinks).
- Children are then accompanied back to Nursery to have a story and continue to play inside and outside.
- Children have constant access to water and fruit in the classroom throughout the day.

# Our Topics



Autumn Term “Would you like to go on a bear hunt?”  
“Do you want to wake up the giant?”



Spring Term “Who is your Superhero?”  
“Is there such a thing as a Gruffalo?”



Summer Term “What will Old McDonald find on his farm?”  
“What would you find in a bug box?”



# Home-school learning

Parents are children's first educators and play a significant role in their learning. We provide opportunities to help support children's learning at home.

- Parents evening in November and March

- Tapestry online learning journals



- Come and Learn sessions

- Class page on Dojo app



- Parent App – School Gateway



- School Twitter page





# Attendance



- It is important that all children attend nursery on a regular basis and are on time as children benefit from a regular routine and we want them get into good habits with regards to attendance right from the start. We also discourage taking holidays in term time.
- If your child is ill, please ring the school office by 9:30am to inform us.

# Healthy Eating



At Chorlton Park we are a healthy school. As we have to be mindful of allergies and dietary requirements, we encourage that on birthdays and special occasions, if you wish to bring in something to celebrate that you ensure it is a healthy option or something to share such as your child's favourite book.



# What to bring to school

Your child will need –

- Spare clothes in a labelled bag
- Wellies
- A sunhat
- A raincoat
- School uniform (optional and can be purchased from the office)
- A school book bag (can be purchased from the office for around £5)



Please ensure all belongings are labelled with your child's name.

# Preparing your child for school

As parents, you can help prepare your child for the move to nursery in the following ways:

- If your child has not been apart from you before, try to arrange for him/her to spend some time with relatives/friends so she/he can get used to being with others.
- Share books about starting school with your child and talk about how the characters are feeling about starting school. This will help your child to talk about any fears or concerns they may have and allow you to reassure them.
- Talk about the new and exciting things your child will be able to take part in at Nursery.





# Preparing your child for school

You can help your child to become as independent as possible by encouraging and helping them to:

- Use the toilet and wash their hands (it would really help us if you can work hard on this over Summer!)
- Put on and take off their coat and shoes
- Feed themselves with a spoon or fork
- Use a tissue to wipe their nose
- Share toys and take turns
- Put their toys away





# Preparing your child for school

- Along with this PowerPoint, we have also sent a child friendly version to look through together and some videos of the nursery. Please spend some time looking through these so your child can become more familiar in readiness for September.
- We will also be sending out some videos on the Class Dojo app of each member of staff reading a story and some virtual video tours of the classroom.



**Thank you for taking the time  
to listen to the information.**

**We look forward to meeting  
you and your child.**

Should you have any questions,  
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