



**Elliott Park School**  
**Newsletter**

Class:	Little Sunbeams Nursery	Term: 1	September 2019
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Dear Parents,

Welcome to Elliott Park Nursery. Our Nursery Assistant, Mrs Fry, had an operation during the summer holiday and is currently on sick leave. Providing her recovery goes to plan, she should be back, full-time, at the beginning of October. During her absence Mrs Arrowsmith will be working alongside me in the nursery. Mrs Arrowsmith worked in the nursery last year so is very familiar with our routine and practice.

At the beginning of every term I will send out a newsletter informing you of our learning themes and ideas of how to extend the children's learning at home.

This term I have divided the learning theme into two parts. For the first three weeks we are working around the theme of 'Getting to Know You' the children will be learning each other's names, painting their portraits and learning about the school environment. The second theme will be Colours, Shape & Autumn. At home you could: talk about shapes around the house, as the children go about their daily routines and choose a shape for the day and see how many of that shape they can find. The Colour theme will blend, (excuse the pun) into 'Autumn' and this will include our Harvest Festival before we break for half term; more details will follow nearer the time. To extend learning at home and when outside with your child, look and talk about the leaves changing colour, how some are falling and the weather is changing etc.

We use the outdoor play areas every day; please ensure your child has a jacket/coat when the weather is chilly and some wellies that can stay at nursery. Whilst our uniform is not obligatory, we ask that children are wearing clothes that are easy for them to manage so they gain independence in the toilet. I cannot guarantee the children will not get glue or paint on their clothes so the uniform ensures they do not spoil other outfits.

We have two children at Elliott Park School suffering from a nut allergy. Therefore, it is crucial that children do not bring any item to school containing nuts – this includes chocolate spread that may contain hazelnut. Our Lunchbox Policy also states no sweets, chocolate bars or fizzy drinks. However, chocolate coated snack biscuits are acceptable.

We will be holding an informal parents' evening during the week before half term. I will send out booking slips closer to that time.

If you wish to take holiday during term time please could you complete a holiday form (available from the office). Children in nursery are not at obligatory school age so all holidays for nursery pupils will be authorised, we just ask that you complete a form so that we can plan for your child and others, effectively.

Our Nursery session times are as follows:

Morning session - 08:30 until 11:30

Afternoon session - 12:30 until 15:30

Breakfast Club runs up until 08:30 and lunch is from 11:30 until 12:30. The nursery staff are involved in running both of these sessions and are not able to manage early nursery arrivals. We endeavour to begin nursery sessions promptly at the above nursery session times. Some parents have children to collect from main school. Therefore, nursery children can be collected earlier to suit your needs. Our end of day story is at 3pm so any time from 3pm onwards is fine. We close at 15:30.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to speak to either me, or Mrs Arrowsmith.

Thank you.

Kind regards,



Colleen Hiller

Dates for your diary

Term 1 & 2

Sept	
12 <sup>th</sup>	Kent Test 11+ - Year 6 only
12 <sup>th</sup>	3.20 11+ info session – Year 5 only
12 <sup>th</sup>	3.20 Phonics information session for Nursery, Reception & Year 1 & 2 only
24 <sup>th</sup>	Kent Messenger First Class photo – Reception only
Oct	
18 <sup>th</sup>	Harvest Festival food collection
18 <sup>th</sup>	End of Term 1
29 <sup>th</sup>	Term 2 begins – Winter uniform only
29 <sup>th</sup>	Parents Evening – Yr 1, Yr 4, Yr5 & Yr 6
30 <sup>th</sup>	Parents Evening – Nursery, Yr2, Reception, & Yr 3
Nov	
4 <sup>th</sup>	Individual and Class Photographs
15 <sup>th</sup>	Orchard Theatre Trip (Dartford) - Key Stage 2 only
Dec	
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Flu vaccinations to include Reception & Years 1,2,3,4 & 5
11 <sup>th</sup>	Gulbenkian Theatre Trip (Canterbury) - Reception & Key Stage 1 only
12 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas present wrapping room & Christmas party
13 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas performance – whole school except Nursery