

# The Roche Nursery School

11<sup>th</sup> September 2017

Dear Parents

A very warm welcome to The Roche Nursery School; we are looking forward to an exciting autumn term in Nursery. The key teachers in the Nursery are Miss Luci (Nursery Manager), Mrs Tulsi, Mrs Lydia and Miss Petrina who is our teaching assistant. Our dance teacher is Miss Léa who teaches on Wednesdays and Mr Francis teaches sport on Thursdays (children will need to bring a ball to school on a Thursday).



We will be sending out a comprehensive list of diary dates by the end of the first week but would like to draw your attention to the following important dates:

***Social evening for Lower School parents- Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> September 2017 at 5.30 in the Main Hall***

***Curriculum talk for Nursery parents- Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> September 2017 at 6.00pm in the Nursery***

We will also be sending out a weekly newsletter by email so please do give your email address to Mrs Beth Collier who is our class representative as soon as possible.

We will post important messages and a copy of the school newsletter on the Nursery notice board, so please check this regularly.

## **Start and End of the School Day**

The nursery door will be open between 8.40am and 9.15 each day. After their first day at school your child should be in the nursery by 9.15am at the latest each day to ensure that they have access to free-flow play and any activities which have been planned by their key teacher. During the first week at Nursery you are welcome to come in with your child, if you feel they need it. However, please remember that children do settle much faster if farewells are kept brief and cheerful.

## **Parent Communication**

This week your child will come home with a comment book. This book provides you with an opportunity to have an open and regular dialogue with your child's key teacher. If you would like to communicate anything about your child please write your message in the book and leave the book bag hanging on the hook outside the classroom. Each week your child will be

given a weekly target as well as information about what they have achieved/enjoyed that week at Nursery. We pride ourselves on having good partnerships with parents and operate an 'open door' policy. If you feel you would like to speak to a member of staff please arrange an appointment for before or after school. Mrs Gabriella Emery, our Head of Nursery, is also available.



Each day we offer the children free-flow play (choice of outside and classroom play based learning) and a balance of child-initiated and adult-directed activities. Most mornings, the children have access to two focused activities. One activity is within a small group and the other activity is part of the free-flow play, available to all the children. Teachers also continue to work individually with each child and their key groups. Our free-flow plan will be posted on the Nursery notice board each week so that you can see how we have prepared the environment according to the children's interests.

At snack time the children are encouraged to help themselves to freshly prepared fruit as well as having the option of a biscuit. We are also encouraging the children to pour their own milk or water with support. Please note we have removed grapes from our list.

This term's project is "Marvellous Me" The notice board outside describes our weekly project activities that provide suggestions for follow up ideas at home; this information is also on our website. Feel free to bring in any resources related to our project that you might have at home and we will take good care of them.

We have a phonics focus activity weekly and our notice board informs you of the weekly letter sound we will be learning. At this early stage it would be helpful if parents could refrain from calling the letters by their alphabet name and support us by pronouncing them according to their phonetic sound. For example 'a' for apple and 'b' for ball.

All children will have forest school activities on Tuesdays with our Forest School leader, Miss Jacque. A school 'puddle suit' can be purchased at Perry uniform and be kept at school.

At the end of the week two children will be chosen to take home one of our class bears for the weekend (each child will be picked once). As well as the teddy bear which they take home, we will have a special book to share pictures and comments about what you did that weekend. We invite the children to share their adventures with the class by talking about what th



Arlie or Ruby.

We also invite parents to prepare and supervise an art activity every Wednesday morning. A list has now been posted on the notice board for you to sign up. If you need help with resources, we are very happy to provide you with any materials you require. Please ask the teachers for any help with ideas.

We look forward to an exciting term ahead and Mrs Gabriella and I are always happy to discuss any questions you may have.

Kind regards,

Miss Luci

Nursery Manager

