

# Welcome to The Roche Nursery School

September 2024

Dear Parents

A very warm welcome to you all; we are looking forward to an exciting Autumn term in Nursery. The key teachers in the Nursery are Mrs Luci (Head of Early Years and Nursery Manager), Mrs Tulsi and Mrs Lydia. Mrs Gabriella oversees Nursery admissions and sessional information and can be contacted directly on [g.emery@therocheschool](mailto:g.emery@therocheschool) if you have any queries. Our specialist teachers are Mrs Léa who teaches music and movement, Mr Tyrone who teaches gym and sport. Mrs Katie (Director of Music) and Mr Gunther (pianist) visit the Nursery each week for music lessons.

On Tuesday the children travel by mini bus to Forest School (Wimbledon Common or Richmond Park). A red school 'puddle suit' must be worn to school on Tuesday mornings and this can be purchased at Perry uniform. Please can children also come to school on Tuesday morning wearing wellies with their shoes in a named carrier bag. Please note we are happy for children to wear P.E. kit underneath their 'puddle-suit' on Tuesday morning for practicality if this helps. Forest School starts **Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> September.**

Please see the information chart at the end for specifics regarding uniform each day.

## **Diary Dates**

Below are the key dates this term

***Social evening for Lower School and Nursery parents- Wednesday 11th September at 5.30pm***

***Our Nursery Curriculum talk and coffee morning which will take place on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> October (we thought it may be helpful to host the curriculum talk a few weeks into term following a 'settling in' period).***

**Half-term: Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October- Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November**

**Parent & Teacher Meetings:** Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> November - (appointments will be available two weeks before)

**Long Weekend:** Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> November – Monday 25<sup>h</sup> November

**Nativity Play:** Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> December at 5.00pm (Children finish school at midday)

**End of Term – Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December** (school finishes at 11.30am)

We will also be sending out a fortnightly newsletter by email. We now have a comprehensive list of emails; if you would like to add a different/additional email please let Mrs Luci know.

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

The Nursery door will be open between 8.40 a.m. and 9.00 a.m. each day. After their first day at school your child should be in the nursery by 9.00 a.m. at the latest. On Friday we start our sports lesson at 9.00am sharp, so please ensure your child is in Nursery by 8.55am.

Pick up time for the children who attend half days is 12.00 p.m. and for children that stay for lunch it is at 3.00 p.m. We will be dismissing children from the main school gate at both 12.00 p.m. and 3.00 p.m. There are Nursery clubs each day and please email Mrs Gabriella if you have not managed to sign up for club sessions yet. We also have the Friday stay and play until 1.30 p.m. Please let us know if you wish to join this.

### **Snack**

Please bring a named water bottle to school each day. Children will have access to this water bottle all day but particularly encouraged to drink water at snack time. Milk is also available. Please bring either an apple, banana or tangerine or a healthy snack (such as an oaty bar) for morning snack and one extra if your child attends a club. No nuts or grapes please.

### **Parent Communication**

As mentioned in the start pack, we use an electronic profile (Tapestry) to observe and track each child. Once this is set up you will receive an email with instructions on how to access your child's online profile. As well as observations and photographs recorded on Tapestry 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 which can take place before or after school.

### **Curriculum**

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.

This term's topic is 'ABC What Can We Be.' An overview of the topic which describes our weekly project is uploaded onto the website and will be available next week. A more detailed plan with follow up activities is also uploaded onto Tapestry along with the free-flow planning each week.

We have a phonics focus activity weekly and we will inform 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 e.g. 'a' for **a**pple and 'b' for **b**all. We will discuss this in more detail as part of our Curriculum Talk.

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

Mrs Luci

### Important Nursery Information for your fridge/family planner

<b>Day</b>	<b>Uniform required</b>	<b>Any other information</b>	<b>Club information</b>
<b>Monday</b>	School uniform		Spanish activity club until 4p.m. Please bring an extra healthy snack.
<b>Tuesday</b>	Sports kit with forest school puddlesuit and wellies (lots of layers for cold days).	School shoes in separate bag please. No red school bag or snack is required on this day.	Nursery activity club until 4p.m. Please bring an extra healthy snack.
<b>Wednesday</b>	Normal uniform for part-time children. Sports kit for children who stay in the afternoon.		Nursery Fine Motor Skills club until 4p.m. Please bring an extra healthy snack.
<b>Thursday</b>	School uniform		Spanish storytelling club until 4p.m. Please bring an extra healthy snack
<b>Friday</b>	School uniform with trainers Please arrive at 8.55am for sports at 9.00am.	Half day until 12.00	Stay and play until 1.30p.m. This session includes a school lunch.