

Dear Parents and Carers,

Nursery School

We are very excited that we have been chosen to work with **artist Becci Kenning** on a project with Guildford museum. Becci will be based at Hazel Avenue every day from 9-12 October. She has planned some very exciting work to do here with children and adults. If you want to find out more about Becci and her work, this is the link to her website: <http://www.art-in-transit.com/early-years-practice>

If you would like to join in with Becci, please book a time with your child's Key Person (this applies to families from York Road as well as Hazel Avenue). You will need to be here for 10am and you can stay for as short a time as you can manage or for as long as two hours.

We are also delighted that this term we have employed a **music specialist** to work with your children and the staff. Steve Grocott will be with us one day a fortnight starting on Thursday 28th September. Each time he visits he will spend half a day at York Road and half a day at Hazel Avenue. I hope you will hear some of his work soon.

If you would like to book some **holiday club sessions** during the October half term, please see reception. We can take children aged 2-8 years and, whilst we give priority to our nursery children we can take siblings and children who do not attend here. You can book one 3 hour session or many more according to your need or perhaps just a desire to do something without your child! If your child is eligible for the Early Years Pupil Premium (EYPP), you can book one 3 hour session of holiday club for free each year.

If your child is eligible for EYPP or Free School Meals (FSM), they are able to attend nursery every day **9.15am-3.15pm for free** from the term after they are three years old. If your child receives the Free Early Education for two year olds (FEET), they too can come every day from the term after they are three.

Please see overleaf for important dates for this term.

Children's Centre

Our new timetable is in circulation, please make sure you pick one up so that you can take advantage of the different activities we run during the week. For example; **Walk for Health on a Monday, 9.30 – 10.30 am**, such a great opportunity to exercise with others and explore areas around here you may have not been before.

We are holding an **Incredible Years parenting programme** at Hazel Avenue, Thursday 28th September – Thursday 7th December 7:00 – 9:00 pm. This is aimed for parents of children aged 2-8 years. This course was designed by Caroline Webster Stratton and has been tailored by an external provider 'Hart Families Connect' specifically to support parents of children with additional needs. The course content is designed to support parents with children who are between 2 – 8 years of age and focuses upon understanding your child's behaviour. It also offers practical support and strategies to use while they grow in confidence and ability at Nursery. *Please contact reception if you are interested in attending.*

Macmillan Coffee Morning: We will be supporting the Macmillan charity at our Coffee Morning at **10.30 – 12 noon on Friday 29th September** at Hazel Avenue.

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Children's Centre (cont/.)

Do you want to be part of an exciting research project to help prevent accidents in children? We have been approached by the University of Surrey to take part in a focus group in respect of a mobile phone App 'Grow & Play safe'. They are looking for parents with children under the age of five to participate in focus groups to develop a mobile phone app aiming to reduce unintentional injuries, improve home safety and provide information on play and child development. The focus groups are being run at Hazel Avenue **on 5th October from 9am – 10.30am and 6th November from 1pm – 2.30pm**. Please speak to reception to let them know if you are interested in taking part.

We are really looking forward to seeing as many of you as possible at our social events on 27th and 28th September.

Kind regards

Sally Cave
Head teacher

Dates for your diary:

27th Sept: 7-8pm social event for all Hazel Avenue nursery parents

28th Sept: 7-8pm social event for all York Road nursery parents

Week beginning 16th Oct: parent meetings

Fri 20th Oct: Nursery and Centre closed for inset day 1

23rd-27th Oct: half term holiday with holiday club

7th Nov 9-10am and 9th Nov 2.30-3.30pm: Everybody count together, parents invited

Weds 15th November 9.30am: workshop for parents applying for a primary school place

Fri 24th Nov: Nursery and Centre closed for inset day 2

1st Dec 2.30pm and 4th Dec 9am: decorate the Christmas tree, parents invited

Weds 13th December, 4.30pm: family nativity at St John's Church, Stoke for all the family

Thursday 14 December: Christmas lunch for all children and staff

Fri 15th Dec: Christmas jumper day

20 Dec 11.30am and 2.45pm: Christmas sing along, parents invited

21 Dec 9-12: Christmas party for all nursery children, staff and Santa! Parent volunteers, hopefully!
Nursery term ends at 12pm

22nd Dec-3rd Jan inclusive: no nursery and no holiday club