

Dear Parents and Carers,

Nursery School

Our new website is now live! <http://guildfordnscs.surrey.sch.uk/> Please take a look.

Does your child like to do any of the following over and over again?

- Throw things across the room
- Build tall towers
- Put things in bags
- Move things from place to place
- Turn everything upside down
- Spin around until they are dizzy
- Transport things around in a pram, buggy, bucket
- Fill their pockets with toys
- Post things in shoes, holes, behind the radiator, in the DVD player
- Cover their face with paint or make up
- Cover pets, toys with blankets
- Fill and empty containers
- Create dens
- Line up their toys on top or next to each other
- Rock on a chair
- Hang upside down on the climbing frame
- Take the lid off everything
- Join things together and then take them apart

Do not worry, this is quite normal! Children have a natural urge to do the same thing over and over again. This repetitive behaviour helps children to develop and deepen their learning. These repeated behaviours are called schemas and are vitally important. As we get older our schemas do not go away, they just get more and more sophisticated. If you are interested in learning more about this, why not come along **on Friday 10th November 1pm-3pm Hazel Avenue** to discover more, the session will even help you choose Christmas presents for your child. Tickets will be available through Eventbrite (details in next week's newsletter), there will be a cost of £15 to go towards the trainer's costs. In the meantime why not ask your child's key person about your child's schemas at nursery when you meet at the parent's meeting sometime in the week 16-19 October.

Children's Centre

We are hosting a **MacMillan Coffee morning** on Friday 29th September. The coffee morning will be at 10.30-12.00 at Hazel Avenue and 12.00 – 1.30pm at the York Road site. All Children's Centre and nursery parents are welcome to join us. We look forward to seeing you all there! Feel free to bring something sweet to share.

We are still looking for parents to support the development of the 'Grow and Play safe' mobile phone App. This is an exciting opportunity to be part of a University of Surrey development project which aims to reduce unintentional injuries, improve home safety and provide information on play and child development. The focus groups are at Hazel Avenue site on **5th October from 9am – 10.30am and**

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6th November from 1pm – 2.30pm. Please let any of the staff team know if you would like to get involved.

As you will know from previous newsletters we are excited to be working with **Becci Kenning**. Becci will be in the centre on 11th October at 10am for children's centre parents and children to input into the art project for the museum. This will be the main focus of our play and learn sessions on the day. We are really looking forward to working with Becci and seeing the finished product on display.

We are excited to announce that the **National Career's Service** have a regular monthly slot at the children's centre. The National career's service can support any parent with queries around redundancy, benefit entitlement including Universal credit, seeking a new job or career, CV writing, volunteer opportunities or any general questions and queries about developing your own personal skills. Appointments can be booked through any member of the children's centre team or reception. They will next be in the centre on **27th October 2017 between 10am – 12pm.**

Hope to see you at one of the social events this week.

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

29th September: MacMillan coffee morning

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 at Hazel Avenue for parents of both sites

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