

TERM DATES 2020/21

Autumn Term 2020

Thursday 3 September - Thursday 22 October
Closed 26 October - 30 October
Monday 2 November - Friday 18 December
(*Staff Training 1-2 September, 23 October*)

Spring Term 2021

Wednesday 6 January - Friday 12 February
Closed 15 February - 19 February
Monday 22 February - Thursday 1 April
(*Bank Holidays*)
Friday 2nd April 2021 (Good Friday)
Monday 5th April 2021 (Easter Monday)

Summer Term 2021

Monday 19 April - Friday 28 May
Closed 1 June - 4 June
Monday 7 June - Wednesday 21 July
(*Bank Holidays: Monday 3rd May 2021*
Monday 31st May 2021)

Our dates follow North Heath Primary School
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If there are any changes in the information we hold for you e.g. contact numbers, allergies your child may have, names of those who can collect your child please let your child's key worker know immediately. Thank you.

We ask that there is no changing of your child's hours at this time. If you do need to change hours we ask that you talk to Nicola to arrange after half term. Thank you for your understanding.



NEWSLETTER AUTUMN 2020 (1)

Dear Parents, Grandparents and Carers new and old,

Welcome to a new term and new ways of working which we fear will be with us for some time yet. Thank you all for being patient with us as we adapt to our new ways of keeping everyone as safe as possible from this Covid-19. We are having to be very flexible as new Government guidelines are updated regularly as the whole country adapts to a rapidly changing new 'normal'.

Do contact Nicola if you have any concerns on 07752776226 or send an email (see below). Be aware that staff cannot stop and speak at pick up or drop off times but appointments can be made if absolutely necessary, when we can ensure that there are enough staff looking after your children.

Keep safe and well.

Lauraine and Nicola

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WE HAVE A WEB SITE!!!! Check it out www.spnh.org.uk. Huge thanks to COLIN our Churchwarden for this xx

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IMPORTANT NOTICE

Safety in the car park. As you queue to drop off your child(ren) please keep them close by you as there are cars moving around due to the different drop off and pick up times. Thank you.

NEW PROCEDURES (subject to change)

- Children to be dropped off at FRONT doors - no parents etc to be allowed in the building except for meetings which will be arranged outside of drop off and pick up times.
- All parents and children will have their temperature taken at the door.
- No toys to be brought into the setting from home
- No drink bottles to be brought in - children will be offered water or milk at snack time
- No pushchairs, bikes or scooters to be left on site
- On arrival children will be taken to wash their hands, regular hand washing will be done throughout their stay
- All children will be put into small groups ("bubbles") in which they will stay along with a specific member of staff for the whole session including lunch time. Children will remain in the same 'bubble' daily.
- All children will spend part of the session outdoors but still within their 'bubble'.
- No soft fabric toys will be available for the time being.
- All toys will be washed/wiped clean on a daily basis
- Cleaning of all areas will take place throughout the day

******Please ensure that your child has a spare set of clothes in a bag, all named plus a coat******



We are redoing the garden and hope to be able to install a mud kitchen soon that we are sure the children will enjoy. We have purchased aprons for the children to use when enjoying this activity and a member of staff will be watching BUT we cannot ensure that your child will not get wet or dirty, hence the need for a change of clothes because as you know accidents can

and will happen. Thanks for your understanding.

PLEASE make sure that your child knows how to use a tissue. We will be implementing:



Use it



Bin it



Wash it.

Use a tissue to blow or wipe nose. Put the tissue into special bin. Wash your hands. If a member of staff helps they too will wash their hands.

THEMES for this Half-Term

- wb 07 September - The Planets
- wb 14 September - Earth
- wb 21 September - The Moon
- wb 28 September - Rockets
- wb 05 October - Astronauts
- wb 12 October - The Sun
- wb 19 October - Mars



Please let us know if your child is unable to attend Pre-School for any reason.

If your child has been sick or has diarrhoea please keep them at home for 48hours after the last bout. Thank you

HARVEST COLLECTION - We are collecting tins and toiletries for St Paul's Church's donation to Bexley Women's Aid. Please hand to Nicola at the door. Thanking you in advance for your generosity