



New Bridge Nursery School Newsletter



Term 3

This has been a very unusual term whilst we have been partially open, but it has been wonderful to see and to celebrate what everyone has been doing via Tapestry. We hope you have been enjoying all the home learning suggestions and that you are enjoying all the story times on Facebook. Thank you for keeping in touch with staff through our weekly phone calls and via Tapestry; lockdown can be a very lonely time so it has been lovely to keep the communication strong between us all.



The children have been learning about a range of stories and have been responding to these in a variety of ways (both at home and at nursery). Baking bread rolls, making masks, creating story maps, baking gingerbread characters and making marks in flour...the creativity has been endless!

February is an exciting month as there are beginning to be signs of Spring (has your child spotted any Daffodils or Snowdrops?) but we also have the excitement of experiencing and playing in the snow! This is a great opportunity to talk with your child about the weather and the different seasons- perhaps you could create a weather diary together?



Lateral Flow Device Tests

Staff are now doing Lateral Flow Device Tests, at home, twice weekly. This additional protective measure should significantly contribute to reducing the risk of transmission of the COVID virus.

Full reopening of the Nursery

The Governors have decided that the nursery will reopen to all children from Monday 22nd February (children who were due to start in January will be receiving a phone call from their keyworker to confirm their start date). We will of course send you further information ASAP.

We understand that you may choose to continue to keep your child at home during the pandemic. Please let the school office know if you do decide to keep your child off nursery.

Tapestry

Please continue to upload your photos and videos onto Tapestry. We look forward to seeing what your child has been learning over the half term break- what has your child done that has amazed you?

Thank you for the wonderful photos and videos that you have already uploaded- they are fantastic.

Dates for the diary

- Monday 15th February- Friday 19th February: Nursery is closed completely for the half term holidays.
- Monday 22nd February: Nursery reopens to ALL RETURNERS only
- Tuesday 23rd February: Nursery is open for all children in discussion with key person
- Thursday 1st April: Nursery closes for the Easter holidays
- Monday 19th April Nursery reopens to all children

Staffing

As you will be aware, I (Joey) will be starting my maternity leave after the half term break. I am very excited to welcome my baby boy into the world!

We are so fortunate that Jean Read will be covering my maternity leave during my absence. Jean is the Head of School at Caversham Nursery School but is moving over to New Bridge to become our Head of School temporarily. Jean has been working at New Bridge for the last couple of weeks and is already a firm member of our New Bridge family! Welcome to New Bridge Jean! 😊

We are very excited to welcome Megan back into our New Bridge team! Megan previously worked in our Snowflake Resource and we delighted that Megan is re-joining us. Megan will be joining our Sunshine team and will be working Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays.

Thank you for your continued support throughout this term. It has been a very challenging time for everybody and we are grateful for your understanding and support throughout this pandemic. We are so thankful for all your kind and supportive messages; they are gratefully received by us all.

Thank you!



