



Term 6 - June 2019

Welcome back, we hope you had a lovely half term and are ready for the busy, long term ahead.

Bearing in mind that summer is coming (fingers crossed) please could you make sure that you provide named sun cream, a sun hat, swimming costume and towel as we spend a lot of time in the paddling pool and using the sprinklers during the better weather.

PLEASE APPLY SUN CREAM TO YOUR CHILD BEFORE LEAVING THEM AT THE SETTING. (WE WILL APPLY MORE DURING THE DAY AS NEEDED.)

Just to keep you up to date - we are looking to update the Nursery website over the summer holiday so please bear with us whilst we set everything up. The old website is out of date and will no longer be updated. If you would like to access the Nursery policies and procedures, they will be available in the cloakroom or please feel free to ask for a copy to be emailed to you.

We will continue to encourage independence so please help us to help them by supporting your child when putting on coats, shoes etc and the older children will continue to take home a reading book and bag to prepare them for school, so please be patient with them as they practice their skills at home!

We also offer morning groups with all children ranging from handwriting, maths, literacy, guided reading and phonics. The older children and those interested will also be offered an afternoon session or a small group activity.

Over the coming Monday afternoons children who will be starting at Horspath school in September will be visiting the school from 2:30-3:00pm. If you would like us to take your child up to school with the children we already have at Nursery, please do not hesitate to speak to me.

Please join us in welcoming Becky Gough to the Nursery. Becky will be starting Forest School Lead Training in September and once qualified will be leading Forest School Activities for Nursery and After School Club children.

Early warning - The Nursery have not increased their fees for 3 years so from September 2019 prices will increase for 3 year olds to £4.50 per hour and 2 year olds to £5.00 per hour.

We understand that people's circumstances can change so please inform me of any changes to your personal information as soon as possible.

Just as a reminder we are a **NO NUT** Nursery. We ask that parents bring in snack items weekly, these can be fresh fruit/veg or other healthy snacks such as bread sticks, cheesy crackers, dried fruit and cheese.

We also ask that no sweets or chocolate bars are put in lunch boxes and that grapes and cherry tomatoes are cut in half. Please ensure all drink bottles contain only water!

For birthday treats, if you would like to bring in cakes or biscuits, that would be great, but please be very careful to check the ingredients for nuts beforehand.

The children have pegs and trays so please check and empty them regularly. Please also remember to bring in at least two changes of clothes and nappies/wipes if needed and if your child is wearing Nursery clothes, please wash and return them as soon as possible.

There is a lost property box in the cloakroom, so please keep checking to see if any of your child's items are in there. Please could all children's clothing be **NAMED** to ensure that they are returned to the correct child.

Fundraising events this term - Watch this space for the Fundraising Newsletter!

Reminder: Please shut the gate on arrival or departure. Staff will lock and unlock the gate as necessary.

The New Adventure Playground should not be used after school hours and should not be used by Nursery children.

Learning Journeys are in the cloakroom for your child, we will put information in them from time to time and please feel free to add anything if you would like to.

Topics for this term are as follows:

Settling
Rhythm and Rhyme
Rockets/Space
Journeys
Sand/Water
Traditional Tales
Body Parts

We will be having two summer parties this year, one mainly for the younger children and the other mainly for the older children. They will be held on Tuesday the 16th and Thursday 18th July. The younger party will be on the 16th

and I am hoping that some parents/carers would be available to offer their services to paint nails and apply temporary tattoos. The older party on the 18th will be having a magician at 1:30-2:15pm so please could you let me know if your child is able to attend.

Please do not worry if your child attends both sessions as this is not a problem but I would like all children to experience at least one of our parties if at all possible!

During the summer holiday I would like a few odd jobs to be completed and wondered whether any parents/grandparents would be available to help out. The jobs range from gardening to painting and maintenance so if you are available please speak to me for more information.

The library will be continuing so please help us by bringing back books weekly so that we can encourage the children to choose different ones to take home.

Don't forget if you would like to purchase Nursery t-shirts or sweatshirts, we have limited supplies. They cost £5 per t-shirt and £10 per Sweatshirt. We also have Nursery bags at £5 and drinks bottles at £4.

Toby Ted is still doing the rounds but can children please bring him in the following day.

Dates for your Diary:

AGM Meeting TBC

Horspath School New Parents Meeting Mon 1st July
6:30-7:00pm

Sports Day 9:15am on Thursday 4th July (more information from Fundraising Newsletter)

Horspath School Visit Day Friday 5th July

Bingo 7:30pm on Friday 5th July at the Hub

Summer Party Tuesday 16th July at Nursery

Summer Party Thursday 18th July at Nursery

Horspath School Fete Friday 19th July at 3:15pm

Nursery will be having a stall too!

Summer Holiday begins Thursday 25 July 2019

Summer Play Scheme 29 July - 9 Aug 2019

Please feel free to look at the Committee & Fundraising Minutes in folders on the side in cloakroom by the piggy bank.

If you would like to speak to a member of staff with any worries or queries please do not hesitate to approach us or phone / email to make an appointment.

Kind regards
Joanne Horne