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Term 1 September - October 2020

## Parent Newsletter

Dear Parents,

### *Introduction,*

We hope you had a lovely summer and are ready for the term ahead! It is lovely to see all the Nursery leavers looking so happy and settled in school. A very warm welcome to all new children and their families.

### *Staffing*

It is with great sadness that Lisa Barney no longer works at the Nursery so we wish her well for the future.

Welcome back to Jade Barnard who will be starting with us later in the term.

### *Important Notices*

- Please do not forget to reconfirm your code for 30-hour government funding. To qualify for 30-hour funding, parents need to register with the HMRC for a code and re-confirm the code every 3 months. If this code is not re-confirmed every three months, parents will be expected to pay the full Nursery fees for the full term ahead. The code must be acquired before the full term starts, for example by 31<sup>st</sup> December, for January start, 31<sup>st</sup> March for April start and 31<sup>st</sup> August for September start. This will be offered on a first come first served basis.
- I am putting Government funding forms in the children's bags so please complete and return them by Friday 18<sup>th</sup> September at the latest.
- We understand that people's circumstances can change so please inform me of any changes to your personal information.
- Don't forget if you would like to purchase Nursery t-shirts, sweatshirts, drink bottles and bags, we have just received a new order. They cost £5 per t-shirt and £10 per sweatshirt, bags are £4 and bottles are £4. We also have Nursery bags at £5 and drinks bottles at £4.
- If you would like your child to attend any additional sessions this term, please speak to me.

### *Reminders*

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

- The School have requested that the Nursery gate remain locked for as long as possible so please bear with us when we appear to be running late! The School have also requested that the gate is locked before 9:10am in the morning so if you arrive later than this, you will need to phone the Nursery for entry.
- Horspath School's adventure playground should be not be used before or after school hours and should not be used by Nursery children.
- **We are a No Nut Nursery.**
- We ask that parents bring in snacks, these can be fresh fruit/veg or other healthy snack such as bread sticks, yogurts, cheesy crackers, dried fruit and cheese but no biscuits please. They should be for your child only and left in their bag/lunchbox.
- We ask that no sweets or chocolate bars are put in children's lunchboxes and that grapes and cherry tomatoes are cut in half.
- The children have trays and pegs 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.
- Please could all children bring in waterproof clothing and wellies (we do have spares available) for muddy conditions as we will be getting wet and muddy in our wildlife area.
- There is a lost property box just inside the cloakroom door, so please ask a member of staff to check it if you have lost anything.
- Please could all clothing be named to ensure that they are returned to the correct child.
- 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 and ensure that they are shop bought and packaged individually.
- At the Nursery we encourage independence as this helps children prepare for transition to school, so please be patient with them at home as they practice skills such as putting on shoes, coats and hats!
- We will not be starting morning groups due to coronavirus but these will be started as soon as possible. We will however, be continuing with story time and Nursery rhyme times.

Nursery Journals 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 term 1
Settling
Role-play
Emotions
Transport
Water
Construction
Harvest Festival
Halloween

## **Fundraising**

Please preview Horspath Nurseries Amazon wish list at:

[https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/3KHCOFG9IYRLO?ref=wl\\_share](https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/3KHCOFG9IYRLO?ref=wl_share)

Another good fundraising opportunity is by signing up to easy fundraising at the following link: <http://easyfundraising.org.uk/>. This is a quick and easy way to raise money for the Nursery, all you need to do is register then remember to click to donate when purchasing anything online.

I am putting smartie tubes in your child's bag with an instruction leaflet, but if you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to contact me.

<b>Save the Date!</b>	
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> September 2020	Government Funding deadline
Saturday 26 <sup>th</sup> September 2020	Garage Sale Trail
Sunday 27 <sup>th</sup> September 2020	Harvest Festival Service & Social Distance Picnic
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> October 2020	Smartie Tube deadline
24 <sup>th</sup> -31 <sup>st</sup> October 2020	Scarecrow Competition & Trail
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> October 2020	Inset Day
26 <sup>th</sup> – 30 <sup>th</sup> October 2020	October half term
Saturday 31 <sup>st</sup> October 2020	Kids Halloween Themes Activity
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> December 2020	Inset Day
21 <sup>st</sup> December – 1 <sup>st</sup> January 2021	Christmas Holiday
15 <sup>th</sup> – 19 <sup>th</sup> February 2021	February half term
1 <sup>st</sup> – 16 <sup>th</sup> April 2021	Easter Holiday
6 <sup>th</sup> – 9 <sup>th</sup> April 2021	Easter Play Scheme
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> May 2021	Bank Holiday
31 <sup>st</sup> May – 4 <sup>th</sup> June 2021	May half term
Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> June 2021	Inset Day
Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July 2021	Inset Day
23 <sup>rd</sup> July – 31 <sup>st</sup> August 2021	Summer Holiday
26 <sup>th</sup> July – 6 <sup>th</sup> August 2021	Summer Play Scheme

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

Kind regards

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