



Term 2 - November 2019

We hope you had a lovely half term.

We have got a very busy term ahead!

All staff are taking part in No Booze November to raise funds for the Nursery so please do sponsor us or, better still join us! Please ask staff for more information or a sponsorship form.

We have decided to do our own Nativity this year so tickets will be available to purchase soon. We will be asking you to provide a costume for your child and hope that you will support us in helping children to learn the songs!

Thursday 14th November is Type 1 Superheroes for diabetes day so please support this cause by dressing up as a superhero and donating.

To support children in need on Friday 15th November we have decided to wear Pudsey Bear outfits so please support us to raise money for a good cause.

The Horspath Nursery website is now up and running so please take a look and let me know what you think!

We are advertising for a new member of staff to join our happy team so please ask around or if you are interested in a new challenge please contact me for more information and an application form.

As of January 2020 the committee have decided to start offering limited spaces 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. Parents would then need to re-register with the HMRC for a code. The code must be acquired before the full term starts, for example by 31st December for January start, 31st March for April start and 31st August for September start. This will be offered on a first come first served basis.

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

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.

The lost property box is 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.

Please could all children bring in waterproof clothing and wellies (we do have spare wellies available) for muddy conditions as we will be splashing in muddy puddles in our new wildlife area.

Questionnaires will be sent out again this term so please complete and return as your feedback is important to us to make sure that we continue to offer the best service possible.

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

Please preview Horspath Nurseries Amazon wish list at:

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.

Christmas cards for schools card templates have been put in your child's tray today, if you would like to order any cards, tags, mugs or coasters please do so as soon as possible but by Wednesday 13th November at the latest so that the order can be placed and arrive in time for Christmas!

I have been informed that the closing date of Reception applications is 15th January 2020 and the national offer date is 16th April 2020. If your child will be starting school next September 20 you will need to apply online at www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/primaryadmissions

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

The Adventure Playground should not be used after school hours and should not be used by Nursery children as it is not age appropriate.

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.

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

Topics for this term are as follows:

Bonfire/Diwali
Remembrance
Construction
Winter
Role play
Christmas

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

Toby Ted will be starting to come home with children but can children please bring him in the following day.

Dates for your Diary:

Reception Admissions applications from Nov 19
Deadline for Xmas card orders 13th Nov 19
Type 1 Superheroes for Diabetes 14th Nov 19
Children in Need 15th Nov 19
Parent Workshop Mon-Fri 2nd - 6th Dec (more info to follow)
Children's Christmas parties 10th and 12th Dec
St Giles Church Xmas Service 15th Dec at 11am
Wriggly Nativity: Mon 16th Dec at 2.30pm
Christmas Hol: 20 Dec - 3 Jan 20

Inset day: Mon 6 Jan 2020
Nursery opens 7 Jan 2020
Feb Half Term W.C: 17 - 21 Feb 20
Easter Hol: 6 - 17 April 20 incl.
May Day Bank Hol: 8 May 20
May Half term W.C: 25 - 29 May 20
Inset Day: 3 July 20
Inset Days: 20 - 21 July 20
Summer Hol: 22 July 20 onwards

Early warning

Easter Play Scheme Mon 6 Apr-Thurs 9 Apr 20 incl.
Summer Play Scheme 27 Jul-7 Aug 20 incl.

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