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Term 2 November- December 2020

Parent Newsletter

Dear Parents,

We hope you had a good half term and are ready for term 2 especially with the news of another National Lockdown starting from Thursday.

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 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.
- We understand that people's circumstances can change so please inform me of any changes to your personal information.
- If you would like your child to attend any additional sessions this term, please speak to me.
- Horspath Nursery are now accepting 2-year olds so please feel free to give feedback as to how you feel this is going.
- We are still planning to have Christmas parties on Tuesday 15th and Thursday 17th December but we will be asking you to provide your child's party food for this occasion. If your child does not usually attend on either of these days and you would like them to attend the party please speak to me to arrange this. (More info in Fundraising section)
- Due to the pandemic we will not be able to offer our traditional Christmas parent workshop this year, many apologies for any inconvenience this may cause.

Reminders

- Please bolt the gate on arrival or departure. Staff will lock and unlock the gate as necessary.
- Horspath 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 not be used before or after school hours and should not be used by Nursery children.
- I have been informed that the closing date for Reception applications is 15th January 2021 and the national offer date is 16th April 2021. If your child will be starting school next September 2021, you will need to apply online at www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/primaryadmissions
- **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.
- 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 a few 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!
- Please remember that you can put reviews on our Horspath Nursery Face book page, it would be lovely to let us know your thoughts on how things are going.
- We have started Horspath Nursery Library. Your child will bring a book home weekly to look at independently and with family. We ask that the books be returned weekly and they will then go into isolation for a minimum of 72 hours.
- Nursery Journals are in the cloakroom for your child, we will put information in them from time to time and please feel free to ask to see it and add anything if you would like to.

Topics for term 2
Bonfire/Halloween/ Remembrance
Dinosaurs
Winter
Music
Christmas Art
Christmas Activities
Christmas

Fundraising

Don't forget if you would like to purchase Nursery t-shirts, sweatshirts, drink bottles, drawstring bags and book bags, we have just received a new order. They cost £5 per t-shirt and £10 per sweatshirt, drawstring bags are £4 and book bags are £6.50 and bottles are £4.

Week Commencing Monday 16th November 2020 is Nursery Rhyme week, so please bring in your child's favourite Nursery Rhyme for us to recite at group times.

To support other charities, we will be having a pyjama week for Children in need and wearing Christmas jumpers for Christmas jumper day. (see below for dates) Shortly, we will be selling Children in need accessories so please get your money ready.

Your child's sample Christmas card has been put in their bag and is a fundraising event for the Nursery so please buy, buy, buy! You could order cards, gift tags, coasters or mugs. These need to be in by Friday 6th November at the latest to enable us to get them back in time for Christmas.

Unfortunately, due to the current situation with COVID-19 we will be unable to do our Christmas Nativity performance but we will still be learning some of the song words and hope to be able to sell the recording to raise funds.

We are also unable to do our Christmas tree bauble activity where parents buy and wrap presents for Father / Mother Christmas to give to children at Christmas parties. (The gifts are then left at Nursery for all the children to enjoy.) This year I propose that you all buy and wrap a stationery item or role play baby dressing up, high chair, pushchairs, carriers etc for your child to unwrap at the Christmas party on Tuesday 15th and Thursday 17th December. Please let me know your thoughts on this.

Please could you also donate prizes for our Christmas raffle and buy raffle tickets in support of the Nursery.

We are having a Christmas shop to give you an opportunity to buy some homemade gifts for loved ones this year. The proceeds will go to Horspath Nursery as another way of raising much needed funds. The gifts will be on sale at the end of every Nursery session so watch this space.

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.

Save the Date!	
W.C: 2 nd November 2020	Halloween dressing up week
Friday 6 th November 2020	Deadline for Christmas card orders
W.C: 9 th November 2020	Children in Need Pyjama week
Wednesday 11 th November 2020	Remembrance Day
W.C: 16 th November 2020	Nursery Rhyme Week
Friday 11 th December 2020	Christmas Jumper Day
Tuesday 15 th December 2020	Christmas Party
Thursday 17 th December 2020	Christmas Party
Thursday 17 th December 2020	Christmas Raffle Draw
Friday 18 th December 2020	Inset Day / Christmas holiday starts
Monday 4 th January 2021	Nursery reopens
Friday 15 th January 2021	Closing Date for Reception Class applications
15 th – 19 th February 2021	February half term
1 st – 16 th April 2021	Easter Holiday
6 th – 9 th April 2021	Easter Play Scheme
Friday 16 th April 2021	September School Starters National Offer
Monday 3 rd May 2021	Bank Holiday
31 st May – 4 th June 2021	May half term
Monday 7 th June 2021	Inset Day
Thursday 22 nd July 2021	Inset Day
23 rd July – 31 st August 2021	Summer Holiday
26 th July – 6 th 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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