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Term 3 January-February 2021

Parent Newsletter

Dear Parents,

Happy New Year!

We hope you have had a good Christmas especially after going into tier 4 on Boxing Day.

Important Notices

- Please could all adults wear a face mask at all times on the School Grounds.
- 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.
- Horspath Nursery are accepting 2-year olds so please feel free to give feedback as to how you feel this is going.
- 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 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. 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. **We are a No Nut Nursery.**
- 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.
- Please make sure that your child attends Nursery appropriately dressed as we are spending lots of time outside and when inside we are keeping windows open to keep the Nursery well ventilated.
- 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.
- Unfortunately, due to going into tier 4 We will not be offering the Library, or reading books to school starters. We will not be able to start small group activities either.
- You will be required to wear a face mask whilst on the school site and we ask that only one parent pick up and drop off.
- 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. We will also keep you up to date on Class Dojo.

Topics for term 3
Settling
Shapes
Colours
Senses
Measuring
Valentine/Chinese New Year

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.

Please could you donate prizes for our virtual bingo, attend the virtual bingo and buy bingo books priced at £5 a book with an additional £1 for the last game, in support of the Nursery.

Please preview Horspath Nurseries Amazon wish list at

https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/3KHCOFG91YRLO?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.

We are doing Lucky Numbers where you choose a number, pay £2 per number and the number will be drawn out of a hat. The prize will be a cash amount dependent on how many numbers are sold.

Save the Date!	
Friday 15 th January 2021	Closing Date for Reception Class applications
Friday 5 th February 2021	Virtual Bingo at 7pm
Friday 12 th February 2021	Lucky Number Drawer
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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