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Term 4 February-March 2021

## Parent Newsletter

Dear Parents,

We hope you have had a good half term holiday and are looking forward to schools reopening their doors to all on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March 2021.

### *Important Notices*

- Please could you make sure that cars are parked safely during drop off and collection and avoid parking on Blenheim Road until the Cuddesdon Road reopens, as vehicles are being diverted this way.
- Please could I ask that your child does not bring to Nursery any toys from home as this causes conflict between the children and the toys could get lost.
- Unfortunately, we will be unable to have parents evening this term due to the pandemic but we will try to hold this later on in the year.
- Please could all adults wear a face mask at all times on the School Grounds and be aware that all staff will be wearing them too. We ask that only one parent pick up and drop off.
- 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.
- We understand that people's circumstances can change so please inform me of any changes to your personal information.
- 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 be not be used before or after school hours and should not be used by Nursery children.

- We ask that parents bring in two 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 the national lockdown, We will still not be offering the Library, or reading books to school starters. We will not be able to start small group activities either. Please rest assured that we are doing our best to educate your children in the safest possible ways.
- 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 4
All about me
Transport
Mother's Day
Shapes
Easter X 2 weeks

### **Fundraising**

Don't forget that Nursery t-shirts, sweatshirts, drink bottles, drawstring bags and book bags are available to purchase. T-shirts are £5, Jumpers are £10, drawstring bags are £4, book bags are £6.50 and bottles are £4.

Please could you donate Easter Eggs for our Easter raffle, buy raffle tickets and fill the kinder egg that your child brings home with cash or cheque, in support of the Nursery.

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.

<b>Save the Date!</b>	
Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> March 2021	World Wildlife Day
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> March 2021	World Book Day
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> March 2021	National Napping Day
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> March 2021	Red Nose Day
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> March 2021	Kinder Eggs fill and return deadline
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> March 2021	Easter Egg draw
WC: 29 <sup>th</sup> March 2021	Children's Reviews will be emailed to parents
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
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> April 2021	September School Starters National Offer
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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