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Term 5 April-May 2021

Parent Newsletter

Dear Parents,

We hope you have had a good Easter break and are looking forward to the term ahead.

Important Notices

- Chelsea has stepped down as Deputy manager and Becky has taken on the role.
- We have the pleasure of introducing you to 2 new staff members – Corinne who has a wealth of knowledge and experience in working in the early years and Lisa who, you might recognise as she had previously worked at the Nursery for a number of years. (If your child's keyperson has been changed you will have been informed by email and the staff member will introduce themselves in due course.)
- Unfortunately, due to the national minimum wage increase the Nursery fees will be going up in September to £5.50 for 3-year-olds and £6.00 for 2-year-olds.
- With restrictions lifting this isn't the time to become complacent, please make sure that you follow current Government Restrictions.
- Please could you make sure that cars are parked safely during drop off and collection.
- 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.
- 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 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.

- Government funding forms have been sent out in your child's bags so please complete and return before the deadline of Wednesday 28th April 2021 .
- 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 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.
- With the weather now starting to improve please could we ask that all children wear a sun hat and sun cream is applied before arrival at the Nursery. We will need sun cream to be left at Nursery to reapply throughout the Nursery day.
- Please provide your child with a swimming costume and towel, as later in the term (weather permitting) we would like to start using the sprinkler and paddling pool.
- 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 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.
- Horspath Nursery Library has reopened and reading books are starting to go home with school starters. Small group activities have restarted too.
- 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.

- If you think you might be interested in joining Horspath Nursery's committee, please speak to me.

Topics for term 5
Settling
Construction
Spring
Under the sea
People who help us
On the farm

Fundraising

Thank you so much for your kind donations, we have now bought and are enjoying playing in our new sand pit. (The sand pit is having to quarantine between uses but please rest assured that your child will have a turn during the term.)

A massive thank you to Fasih Dogar who has kindly donated a new red sofa to the Nursery.



Term 5's fundraising event will be a sponsored bike ride so please watch this space for more information.

We would like to celebrate International Dance Day on Thursday 29th April by dressing up in a costume of your child's choice. We will have lots of dancing and singing activities available.

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 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!	
Thursday 29 th April 2021	International Dance Day
Monday 3 rd May 2021	Bank Holiday
	Chick Hatching Programme
W.C: 24 th May 2021	Sponsored bike ride
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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