



## Holden Nursery May 2017 Newsletter



### Welcome to our new families and children

We have had some new children joining us across this term on both morning and afternoon sessions. We would like to say welcome to them and their families, they have settled really well.

### Children's Current Interests

#### Our 3 and 4 year old environment

The children are currently showing an interest in growing and changing. Outside they have been planting strawberries, tomatoes and sweet peas. They are regularly checking to see how much they have grown and are learning about how we care for plants and about the things they need to grow. Our friend Mrs Parker has been coming into nursery to help the children to weed our planters at the front of school. She has supported the children in planting flowers to make our nursery look beautiful. We hope families will support this interest at our future Gardening Day.

Inside, the children are interested in looking at themselves and talking about their features. They have been using mirrors to compare what they look like and have been drawing themselves. The interest in growing has continued through bathing the baby dolls and playing with the farm animals. This interest will be developed through a visit to the farm in June.

#### Our 2 year old environment

Our 2 year olds are spending a lot of time in the outdoor environment. They are very interested in the climbing equipment and are finding lots of interesting ways to move and balance. It has been lovely to see them working together to help each other. There is also a great interest in our mud kitchen, with the children using the utensils and resources to create culinary wonders!

Mrs Boyes and Mrs Lockey have introduced some new stories to the younger children including 'Say Hello to the Baby Animals' and 'Time for bed Fred'. These stories have been read again and again and the children have taken part in lots of related experiences. It is lovely to see the children joining in with the story, using lots of the new language that they have heard.

**As the weather gets warmer can we ask parents to apply an all day sun cream as we spend a lot of time outdoors. A sun hat would also be advisable.**

### Staff Training Day

Our nursery was closed on 7th April 2017 for a staff training day. Across this day we looked at how we can support children with their early writing and the importance of developing language skills. Our staff may talk to you about some of our ideas in up and coming parents meetings.

We also looked at how our nursery will support the '30 hours free childcare' which the government have introduced for eligible children from September 2017. Packs including information have been sent out to the parents whose children remain with us in September.

### School Fund- £1 a week

Some of our new families may not know that we ask for £1 per week school fund money. This helps us to provide a snack for the children each day and supports us in purchasing play dough and baking ingredients.

Many of our families bring the £1 each week, however funds have been very low over recent times and this can impact on the lovely activities that we do. Please can I ask that parents remember to bring the £1 at the beginning of each week. We are purchasing new money boxes for each room in order that the children can add their money each week.

### Lost Property and Names in Belongings

Please could you ensure that there are names written in your child's belongings as it can be time consuming and difficult to locate lost property. As the weather gets warmer children tend to take off jumpers and cardigans and they don't always manage to put them on their peg.

We currently have 2 children's coats missing and would be very grateful if you could check at home to ensure you have the correct one. One of the missing coats is a school coat with a teddy logo, this has a name on the label inside the pocket. The other coat is navy with patterned, knitted sleeves.



## School Questionnaire

We would like to say thank you for taking the time to complete and return our School Questionnaire. It was lovely to see that parents are happy with all aspects of nursery and that 100% of the responses positively agreed with all of the statements.

Thank you so much for all of the beautiful comments, we hope to add some of them to our nursery website.

### Attendance and Absences

We have had a particularly bad year for sickness this year and our attendance figures are quite low. Whilst we completely understand that the best place for your child is at home when they are ill, we ask that you please make every effort to get your child to nursery if they are able to attend. If your child is absent, please contact nursery to let us know that they are unwell. We will contact you if we don't hear from you.



### Gardening Day

We are going to have a Gardening Day in nursery on **Wednesday 7th June**. All parents are invited to join their child to support us with activities such as weeding, planting, painting, digging etc. We hope that you will be able to join us in making our nursery look beautiful.



### Fathers Day Celebration

We would like to invite the men who are special to the children into nursery to celebrate Fathers Day on **Friday 16th June**. See dates for your diary sheet for times.

We will be serving 'bacon butties' and cakes and you can enjoy some time in nursery too!

### Farm Visit



We have organised a visit to Tweddle Farm for all of our children across the week beginning **26th June**. There will be 3 visits, one for our 2 year olds, one for the morning children and one for the afternoon children. You will shortly receive a letter with all of the details.



### Sponsored Walk

We will be holding our annual sponsored walk through the Dene on **Friday 30th June** to raise funds for our nursery. This walk will take place during our normal nursery session and we request that an adult attends with each child.

### Book Sale

**Monday 19th June**– books will be on sale in nursery. Children who collect in our Book Club will be able to spend their savings!

### School Holidays

Our school breaks up for the half term holiday on **Friday 26th May**. We return to nursery on **Monday 5th June**.

We finish for the Summer break on **Friday 21st July**.



### Children Leaving For School in September

Many of our children will be moving on to school in September. You should have already applied for your child's place, have received an offer and should have accepted this offer by now. Please speak to a member of staff if you need any advice or help. We are in the process of communicating with schools about visits and transitions.

### Parents Meetings

We will be holding parents meetings across the week beginning **Monday 12th June**. This will give you a chance to talk to your child's key person about their interests, achievements and next steps. You will also be able to look at their Learning Journal. We will shortly be putting up a sheet on the key room door so you can sign up for a time slot.

Please remember if parents are unable to attend and would like to organise a different time to speak to their child's key person, alternatives can be arranged.

### Leavers Celebration

We will be holding a Leavers Celebration on the **morning of Thursday 20th July**. All children who are leaving to go to school in September are invited, along with their families.

There will be no morning session for other children on this day, however all children and families can attend on the afternoon for our Garden Party/ Summer Fayre.

### Nursery Annual Garden Party/ Summer Fayre

Families and children are invited to attend our Garden Party/ Summer Fayre on the **afternoon of Thursday 20th July**. There will be a host of activities and stalls, along with food and refreshments. Times will be confirmed closer to the date.



### Magic Show



We have organised a magic show for the last day of term, **Friday 21st July**. All children will attend on the morning session. Times will be confirmed closer to the event.



## Horden Nursery School Dates for your Diary May 2017

Check out our Horden Nursery School Facebook page for up to date posts and information. Please like and share us.

Date	Event	Information
Wednesday 24th May	Photograph money to be returned to school for key group photographs	You can still order the photograph after this date, however you may be charged a delivery fee
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> May	<b>Nursery breaks up for the Half Term holiday</b>	1 week holiday
Monday 5th June	<b>We return to school after the Half Term break</b>	Key group photographs will be available in this week for those who have purchased them
Wednesday 7th June	<b>Gardening Day</b> - please could we ask for your support to help us. There will be a variety of activities including weeding, planting, digging, painting etc.	An adult is asked to accompany each child during the session
Monday 12th June	<b>Parents Meetings</b> will take place across this week with Key people	Look out for the sheets on key group doors and sign up for a time slot
Friday 16th June	<b>Fathers Day Celebration</b> - 'bacon butties' and cakes will be served. Children's sessions will remain the same however you are invited to join them at- <b>AM session- 11.00 – 11.45 / PM session- 2.30 – 3.15</b>	We would like to invite the men who are special to the children into nursery to celebrate Fathers Day  Dads, grandads, uncles, brothers etc are all welcome
Monday 19th June	<b>Book sale</b> - books will be for sale in nursery for approximately half of the recommended price. These will be for sale at the end of the session	Children who save in our book club will be able to spend their savings
Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> June	<b>2 Year olds visit to Tweddle Farm</b> - morning and afternoon children will all go together. Information and letter to follow	Our two year old children will need to be accompanied by a family member of responsible adult. Mrs Lockey and Mrs Boyes will also attend.
Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup> June	<b>Morning children's visit to Tweddle Farm</b> Information and letter to follow	<b>Afternoon children will not attend on this day as it is a full day visit</b>
Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup> June	<b>Afternoon children's visit to Tweddle Farm</b> Information and letter to follow	<b>Morning children will not attend on this day as it is a full day visit</b>
Friday 30th June	<b>Sponsored walk through the Dene</b> - this will happen during the normal nursery session	All children will need to be accompanied by an adult
Thursday 20th July	<b>Leavers Celebration</b> - all children and their families who leave us to go to school in September are invited on the morning at <b>9.15am</b>	There will be no nursery session for children who return to nursery in September due to the Leavers Celebration (see event below)
Thursday 20th July	<b>Annual Garden Party/Summer Fayre</b> - 1.00pm	All children welcome to attend with their family and friends
Friday 21st July	<b>Magic Show</b> Times to be confirmed	All children will attend on the morning for our end of term magic show.
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> July	<b>Nursery breaks up for the Summer holidays</b>	Nursery re-opens on <b>Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> September</b>

Thank you for your continued support.