



## Horde Nursery January 2019 Newsletter



We would like to say how well the children have settled back into nursery, especially our new children. Thank you to all of our families for supporting us. We had a great turn out for our Christmas events and I'm sure you will agree they were fantastic! If you have any questions or would like to chat to a member of staff please remember we are always available.

### Nursery News

Since our last Newsletter we have recruited two new members of staff. Many of our families will already be familiar with Lauren and Sabrina, however we would like to say welcome to them. They have already proved to be valuable members of our team.

We had a training day on the 7th January. Together we had a Safeguarding update and looked at what British Values looked like in our school. The team have put a lot of hard work into the environment for the children and we are sure you will agree that it is stunning!

### Keeping Our Children Safe

Our nursery is committed to ensuring that all children are safe and kept from harm – this is called Safeguarding. Safeguarding children is the responsibility of everyone, however we have particular people who are Designated Safeguarding Leads in our nursery.

Our Safeguarding Leads are **Natalie Parkinson**, the Headteacher, and **Lindsey Johnson**, the Assistant Headteacher. We also have a Governor who supports us in this role called **Jane Long**.

If you are concerned about the safety or welfare of any child, you are able to speak to them at any time.

Our Child Protection Policy is available on our website and there is a visitor's leaflet available in Reception.

### Passwords for Collecting Children

Can we remind parents that as part of our Safeguarding children procedures, we will not let an adult who is unknown to our staff collect one of the children. If someone different is picking up your child, please inform nursery and ensure that they have the password that you set when your child was enrolled.



### Help Your Child At Home



We have added a new section to our website that contains information about how you can help your child at home. You will find it under the section 'Key Information'. Please have a look, as it contains lots of helpful tips and documents on subjects from toileting and dummies, to how you can support early reading, writing and number.

We would like to hear about ways we can help you support your child's learning at home. We are hoping to begin some parent information sessions and would love your feedback on ideas for these. Please fill in the attached slip and return it to nursery. We will be able to use these ideas to plan the sessions.

**Website- [www.hordennursery.sch.uk](http://www.hordennursery.sch.uk)**



### Parent Questionnaire

We will shortly be sending out a parent questionnaire and hope you will take the time to fill it in and return it to nursery. Your views are really important to us and help us to improve our practice and the services we provide.

Our Governing Body look forward to receiving them and thank you in advance.



### Clothing and Names in Belongings

Please could you ensure that there are names written in your child's belongings. With the weather being cold many of the children are bringing hats, scarves and gloves and as you can appreciate with the number of children we have, it can be time consuming and difficult to locate lost property.

It is very important that our children have the choice to play outdoors when they are at nursery. As you will appreciate it is a little muddy at this time of year. The staff do try to ensure that the children wear the correct clothes for the weather, however it is helpful if children can come in a warm coat and clothes that are not their best.

### Lunchtime and Extra Sessions

As you will have noticed, nursery is busy at the moment and we have lots of children staying across 30 hours. Due to this there is very little, if any, availability for lunchtime and extended day sessions. If you do require any extra sessions, please speak to Natalie. Although we continue to try very hard to accommodate parents requests, we can not promise availability. Thank you for your understanding and support.

### Reading and Reading, Again and Again!!!

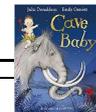
Reading stories with children is very important. It helps them to learn new words, supports their listening and attention skills, develops imagination and instils a love of books, along with many other benefits!

At nursery we read books again and again over a period of time, in order that children hear and learn new words and begin to understand the structure of stories.

Recently we have been focussing on the story 'Cave Baby' by Julia Donaldson. The children have been experimenting with making marks, just like the baby in the book. Over time these marks have developed into fantastic pictures. Please take a look at our display in nursery showing some of the children's work.



**We are updating the books in our 'Lending Library' located at the entrance to nursery. We have noticed recently that it has not been used very often. Please borrow a book to take home. Add your child's name to the page in the file, along with the books title. You can take a book as often as you like!**



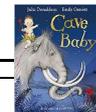
### Wellies and Tissues



If you have any children's wellies that no longer fit, please could you donate them to nursery.

We have lots of runny noses at the moment, if possible could you donate a box of tissues. As you can imagine we are using a lot at this time of year!

### Chinese New Year



We will be celebrating Chinese New Year in Nursery across the week beginning 11th February. Children will be finding out about the associated traditions and will even get to try some authentic food.



### Our Governing Body

Our nursery has a Governing body who support the Head teacher and staff in managing and developing our school. This group is made up of members of the local community, parents, staff and representatives from the Local Authority. The Governors visit our school and you may see them across this half term.

We currently have some vacancies for Parent Governors and would like to invite any interested family members to speak to Natalie to find out more about the role. Please be aware that any suggestions, questions or comments from parents can be brought to the Governing body either by speaking to Natalie the Head teacher or to one of the other Governors.

#### Chair of Governors

#### Vice Chair of Governors

Jane Long

Stuart Gibson

We have a new Parent Governor who has joined our Governing Body. We would like to welcome Terri Thornton, who we know will be a great asset.



### Story Activity Packs

We have created a number of story sacks that children are able to bring home and share with parents. These sacks will be given out in group time and children will be able to keep them for up to a week. As we do not have enough for each child in nursery, these will be given out on a rota basis. We will be providing more information very shortly.

### School Fund

Please can we remind parents, and let new parents know, that we ask for a donation of £1 per week for snack fund. This supports us in buying daily snacks and also the ingredients we need to make playdough or carry out baking activities.

This money should be handed to your child's key person at the beginning of the week.



### Parent Volunteer Group, Watch this Space.....

We are hoping to set up a Parent Volunteer group for parents or family members who may have some spare time. Although plans are just in the early stages, we hope to have further information out very soon.

### Food Bank Collection Point



We are hoping to become a collection for our local Foodbank. This is a vital service that supports many families in our community. If you have any donations please bring them to reception. If you know of any families who are in need, or may need support please speak to Natalie as we are able to help.

### School Holidays

**February Half Term**– we break up on Friday 15th February and return on Monday 25th February.

**Easter Holidays**– we break up on Friday 5th April and return on Tuesday 23rd April