



A great start to the term.....

We are really pleased at how well the children have settled back into nursery, especially our new children and it has been lovely to meet our new families and get to know you. Please remember if you have any questions or would like to speak to a member of staff we are always here to help.

Name changes

As a staff we have been thinking about how the children communicate with us. We thought it would be a good idea if we use our Christian names as it can be really tricky for some of our children to use a title and a surname. We believe this is especially important for our two year old children, many of which are just beginning to talk and explore language.

Lots of the children have taken to this quickly, however we know and understand this is a change for some returning children and their families.

Although many parents know our first names we thought it would be a good idea to attach a list to the Newsletter.

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.

We have a Child Protection Policy on our school website that has recently been updated that contains lots of information and parents are very welcome to read it.

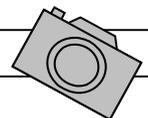
We have a new Safeguarding leaflet for visitors and parents which is available in the main entrance. Please feel free to take one.

Attendance and Absences

We have had a particularly bad start to the school year with sickness and absences. There have been a number of bugs and illnesses going around and 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.

School Photographer



Our school photographer, Ken will be in school on **Thursday 9th November** to take individual photographs of children. Once the photographs are taken, Ken will provide you with proof samples that you can choose from. There are a variety of different packages including individual prints and photo bundles.

Past parents have commented that the photographs can be used as lovely Christmas presents for family and friends. Please speak to your child's key person if you do not want your child to have their photograph taken, or if you would like your child to be photographed with a younger sibling.

Our Governing Body

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.

Macmillan Coffee Day



We would like to thank everyone for their support at our recent Macmillan Coffee Day. This event was extremely successful and we raised £139.65 for a very worthy charity which is close to our heart.

School website and Facebook page

Check out our website at www.hordennursery.sch.uk. It has lots of interesting information. You can also find us on Facebook by searching for 'Horden Nursery School'.

Parents Meetings

We would like to invite parents to meet with their child's key person to talk about how they have settled into nursery and the interests they have demonstrated.

Please find the dates below for your child's key group-

Monday 13th Nov- Purple Group Meetings

Tuesday 14th Nov – Red Group Meetings

Wednesday 15th Nov – Blue Group Meetings

Thursday 16th Nov – Green Group Meetings

Please look out for the time sheet on your child's key room and sign up for a slot.

School Fund

Please remember to hand your child's £1 snack fund money to their key person on a weekly basis. This enables us to provide daily snacks, play dough and cooking ingredients.

Half Term Holiday

Our school breaks up for the half term holiday on Friday 20th October. We return to nursery on Monday 30th October.

Dates for your Diary

Across the half term leading up to Christmas we organise a number of events for children and families. As parents are invited to some of these, we would like to give you plenty of notice in order that you are able to attend.

Date	Event	Information
Monday 30th October 	Halloween Party– this will take place during the nursery session	Children can come to nursery in their costumes if they would like to.
Friday 17th November	Children in Need– this will take place during the nursery session All donations will be forwarded to the	Children can attend in bright or spotty clothes. 
Tuesday 12th December 	Family Christmas Craft Session, Book Fayre and Christmas raffle– this will take place during the nursery session	Parents or family members are invited to attend alongside their child.
Thursday 14th December	2 year old visit to Tweddle Farm 	Parents are asked to attend with their child. Please see letter for details.
Thursday 14th December	Visit to the Gala Theatre for our 3 and 4 year old children	Please see letter for details. 
Tuesday 19th December 	Christmas Parties– this will take place during the nursery session	Children can attend in their party clothes. Parental donations of food will be greatly appreciated-a list will be put up nearer the time.
Wednesday 20th December	Christmas Sing a Long 	Parents and families are asked to join us. Times will be confirmed at a later date.
Friday 22nd December	Magic Show– all children to attend nursery on the morning session	Times will be confirmed at a later date. 