



## Welcome

We would like to say a warm welcome to all of the children and families at the beginning of our new nursery year. We hope you enjoy the Summer break.

We have written our September newsletter a little earlier this year in order that you have all of the information you need. If you have any questions however, please ask a member of staff or give us a ring on 0191 5865415.

## Starting Nursery in September

If your child has attended nursery previously and is returning in September, they will start back with us on **Tuesday 5th September**. New children will start nursery on **Wednesday 6th September**.

## Early Years Foundation Stage Framework (EYFS)

In Nursery we follow a legal document called the Early Years Foundation Stage Framework. It includes welfare requirements that support us in keeping your child safe and also sets out 7 areas of learning and development that help us to plan activities and experiences.

The website– [www.foundationyears.org.uk](http://www.foundationyears.org.uk) has a wealth of information about the Early Years including 'What to expect, when' and 'A Parents guide to the EYFS'. Both of these publications are well worth looking at.

## 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 **Mrs Natalie Parkinson**, the Headteacher, and **Mrs Lindsey Johnson**, the Assistant Headteacher. We also have a Governor who supports us in this role called Mrs 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

## Key Groups

Your child will have a special Key Person while they are in nursery. This is the person who they will spend time with when they first enter nursery. You can talk to your child's key person at any time, whether this is to pass on information or if you have any questions or concerns.

You will receive a letter which tells you who your child's key person is. There will also be a picture and a little bit of information about them. It might be nice to share this with your child ready for their return in September.

## School Calendar

Please find attached a copy of our school calendar with the dates of school holidays and staff training days highlighted.

It is a statutory requirement for staff to attend a number of professional development days (PD Days) throughout the school year.

Our school will be closed on these days.

## Children's Pegs

Your child will be allocated a peg with a particular picture that they can hang their belongings on each day. Please don't swap pegs as this can cause difficulties.

## Names in belongings

Please could you ensure that your child's name is written inside their clothes, especially in jumpers and cardigans. As you can appreciate it can be very difficult to locate a lost item of clothing if it is not labelled.

## School Fund

In order to provide daily snacks for children and to assist with the cost of play dough and baking ingredients we ask for a weekly contribution of **£1**.

This can be brought to nursery on your child's first session of the week and handed to their key person.

Can we apologise if our new parents did not receive this information during their child's visit sessions.



## Children in nappies/toilet training

If your child wears a nappy to nursery, please could you bring some nappies and wipes in a bag labelled with their name. Although we have a small number of spares, these do get used quite quickly.

If your child is just beginning to be toilet trained, please let the key person know so we can support you. It would be helpful if you could send in some spare pants, socks and clothes.

Please do not worry if they have a number of accidents at nursery, there are lots of lovely, distracting things to do and children can sometimes wait a little too long before going to the toilet.

If your child has borrowed nursery clothes, please could you wash and return them.

## 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 Mrs Parkinson to find out more about the role. The names and roles of our current Governors can be found below. Please be aware that any suggestions, questions or comments from parents can be brought to the Governing body through speaking to Mrs Parkinson the Head teacher or to one of the other Governors.

### Chair of Governors

Mrs Jane Long

### Vice Chair of Governors

Mr Stuart Gibson

### Staff Governors

Mrs Natalie Parkinson  
Miss Lindsey Johnson  
Mrs Christine Bates

### Local Authority Governors

Mrs June Clark

### Parent Governors

Mrs Tracey Haynes  
Mr Bill Smith

### Community Governor

Mrs Jane Long

## School website and Facebook page



Our nursery has a Facebook page and website with lots of helpful information on. [www.hordennursery.sch.uk](http://www.hordennursery.sch.uk)

Please like and share our Facebook page

## Jumpers, Cardigans and Coats

We currently have a number a jumpers, cardigans and coats in stock in a variety of sizes.

If you require any of the above please speak to the school secretary.

If we do not have the required size, we are able to place an order.

Prices are as follows-

Jumper £8.00, Cardigan- £9.00, Coat- £20

## 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.

If parents are unable to attend and would like to organise an alternative time to speak to their child's key person, please mention it to a member of staff who will be happy to help.



## Extended day sessions and lunch club

We are currently able to offer a limited amount of extra sessions to children. These can include full day sessions, lunch club, breakfast club and early drop off facilities.

These services are at an additional cost and if you are interested please speak to a member of staff.

Due to demand we do need some prior notice if possible.

## Book Club

Each term we hold a book sale in nursery, where books are sold at approximately half the recommended retail price.

Children are able to save weekly, enabling them to select books on the sale day.

If you would like your child to save in our Book Club please hand any contributions to your child's key person, along with their school fund.

## Packed Lunches

We have a new Packed Lunch policy which has been written using guidelines from Durham County Council. If your child attends across a lunchtime you will soon receive a copy.

## Macmillan Coffee Morning and Afternoon



Every year we hold a coffee morning and afternoon in memory of our past Head Teacher ,Barbara Wilkin. All proceeds are donated to Macmillan.

This year we will be holding the event on **Friday 29th September.**

Parents and families are invited to attend with their children. Tea, coffee and cakes will be for sale. This event will be held during your child's nursery session.

**If you have any friends or family who have young children, please let them know about our beautiful nursery. We have spaces for 2, 3 and 4 year olds. Names can be put on the waiting list from birth.**