



## Hornden Nursery September 2018 Newsletter



### 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

We return back to nursery on **Tuesday 4th September 2018**. Nursery will be closed on Monday 3rd September for a staff training day.

### 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 and are available to borrow from the Cloakroom area.

### 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 contains lots of information and parents are very welcome to read it.

### 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 should have received a letter that lets you know who your child's key person will be and the group they will be in.

### 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.

### 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



### 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.

### 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.

## 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. 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 Natalie the Head teacher or to one of the other Governors.

### Chair of Governors

Jane Long

### Vice Chair of Governors

Stuart Gibson

## 30 hour nursery entitlement for some 3 and 4 year olds

Some children of qualifying families are able to access 30 hours of education and care. You may have heard it referred to as '30 hours free childcare'. Eligible children are able to access this the term after their 3rd birthday.

The criteria to qualify for this entitlement are-

A child qualifies for free childcare if they are resident in England and are under compulsory school age, both parents working (or the sole parent working in a lone parent family) and **each** parent earns on average-

- A weekly minimum equivalent to 16 hours at national minimum wage or national living wage (approx. £115.20 per week)
- Less than £100,000 per year

You can get further information, check your eligibility and apply on line at [www.childcarechoices.gov.uk](http://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk).

If you would like further information please speak to Natalie or a member of the office staff.

**If you currently receive 30 hours at our nursery, please can we remind parents that they need to reapply every 3 months. You should receive an email to remind you.**

**30 hour sessions run Monday to Friday and the core hours are 8.45am to 2.45pm. If you require care before or after these times there is a small charge for these services. Please speak to Natalie to find out more information.**

## 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.



## 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

## Our School App

Please download our App on to your smartphone. You can keep up to date with news and events and reminders and notifications can be sent to you.

## Jumpers, Cardigans and Coats

We are expecting a delivery into nursery at the beginning of September and will let parents know when they arrive.

Prices are as follows-

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

## 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 and breakfast club facilities.

Please speak to Natalie if you are interested.

## Packed Lunches

We have a Packed Lunch policy which has been written using guidelines from Durham County Council. If your child attends across a lunchtime you can view this on our website or collect a copy from the Office.

## 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 28th 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.