



Nursery Newsletter

Autumn 2 Edition



Welcome back to Holly Hill Nursery!



Hello and welcome back to the second half of the Autumn Term and the second edition of our Nursery Newsletter! We have really enjoyed getting to know your children and yourselves over the past half term and the Nursery Team would like to say a big thank you to all those that attended the various events we had last term.

Our topic this half term is...

This Little Light of Mine!



This half term our topic is 'This Little Light of Mine'. In our first week back we have already learned about Diwali and Remembrance – it was a very busy and interesting week! We are looking forward to teaching the children all about the important festivals and celebrations that take place in the run up to Christmas.

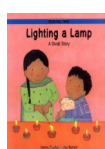
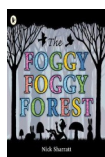
Home Reading

We issued home reading books at parents evening and would like to say a big well done to all the children who have been reading their reading books. Research shows that children who read at home make better progress at school. Books can be changed any morning of the week when entering Nursery and books can be found by the birthday window next to the carpet. Could you please fill out the comments box in the reading record diary when you have read with your child. Thank you.



Uniform and bags

Please ensure that your child attends Nursery in full school uniform. This includes a purple Holly Hill school book bag. Your child will be learning indoors and outdoors everyday so please send your child with a coat everyday.



Story time!

The children will have daily opportunities to share stories with teachers as part of their whole class or group learning, and with each other or individually during their free learning time. Keep an eye on the parent's section on the front door to see our story of the week.

Dinner Money...

Please ensure you pay for your child's lunches each week.

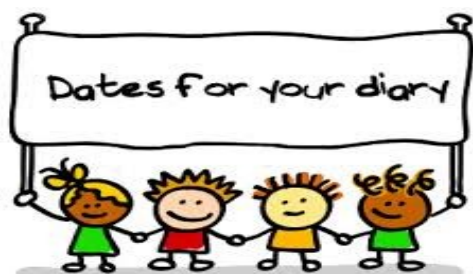
* Lunch for two days is **£2.40** per week.

* Full time children will **need to pay £6.00** per week.

If you believe you may be eligible for free school meals, please see Mrs Ingleby in the main office.

Nappies and Pull ups...

If your child is coming to Nursery in nappies or pullups please can you ensure that you have spares available in their peg bag in case we have to change them. We are here to support you and your child whilst you are toilet training.



Friday 16th November—Children in Need

Monday 19th November —Nursery Rhyme Week

Tuesday 4th December— Acorns Stories around the Christmas tree

Thursday 6th December— Conkers Stories around the Christmas tree

Tuesday 11th December— Acorns Christmas jumper day and craft workshop

Wednesday 12th December— **Magic Russ and Christmas Party Day**
Open Afternoon

Thursday 13th December— Conkers craft workshop

Friday 14th December— Conkers Christmas jumper day

Tuesday 18th December—**Father Christmas**

Thursday 20th December—Christmas Dinner

Friday 21st December—End of term

Our Christian Values...

Life in all its Fullness

Our school Christian Values are Love, Hope, Honesty, Gentleness, Kindness, Joy, Forgiveness, Respect, Tolerance, Patience, Friendship and Thankfulness. These Christian Values are important to our whole school community. They help us in our decision making, the way we work together and our daily lives. We actively teach these values to all children. The children will be taught our values in the following ways this half term:

Hope: The children will learn about hope through the Christmas story.

Joy: The children will learn about joy when exploring different celebrations such as Diwali.

Love: The children will learn about love through the Christmas story and through sharing about who they are, who is in their lives and who is important to them.

Patience: The children will learn about patience through Advent and The Christmas story.

Gentleness: The children will learn gentleness through the Nativity story.

Tolerance: The children will learn about things and times that are special to them and times that are special to other people. They will begin to learn that other people might think and feel differently to them and learn to listen to other people's ideas; showing tolerance.

Toys...

Unfortunately, we discourage children from bringing toys into Nursery. In our experience children tend to become very possessive over their toys, which can cause disagreements. Children become upset if they cannot find their toy in the setting; it gets broken or taken home by another child. Please could you therefore help us by not bringing your child's toy into Nursery; alternatively encourage your child to leave the toy in the cloakroom.

A quick reminder... Our normal session times are as follows.

Acorn Class: Monday and Tuesday sessions start at 8:50am and finish at 3:00pm. Wednesday sessions start at 8:50am and finish at 11:30am.

Conker Class: Wednesday sessions start at 12:20pm and finish at 3:00pm. Thursday and Friday sessions start at 8:50am and finish at 3:00pm.

30hr Children: Your sessions are 8:50am till 3:00pm every day.

Parents Evening...

Thank you to the parents who attended parents evening. It was great being able to share your child's work with you and to let you know how they are getting on in school. Thank you to all the parents who made the effort to complete our school questionnaire. We really value your comments. We look forward to meeting you again at the open afternoon on the 12th December.

Key Groups...

Now the children have settled in properly, they have been allocated a key group and a key worker. These groups are lead by either Miss Tullett (Yellow), Mrs Hood (Red), and Mrs Andrews/Miss Gwilliams (Blue). The children meet in their key group every morning for group learning, as well as other points of the day such as lunchtime.

Spare Clothes...

We are still in desperate need of spare clothes to change children into should they have an accident. If you have anything spare and wouldn't mind donating them we would be very grateful. If you have any of our spare clothes, please return them. **Please make sure your child has spare clothes in their peg bag.**



Workshops & Open Days...

Over the year we will be inviting parents for a variety of different workshops and open days to enable you to have an insight into how we teach and how your child learns. Please keep an eye on the parents' board for our next workshop!

Don't forget to visit our school website. This is updated regularly with photographs to show what the children are learning, key dates, copies of letters and other important information.

Visit <http://www.hollyhill.bham.sch.uk/>