



Nursery Newsletter

Spring 2 Edition



Welcome back to Holly Hill Nursery!



Hello and welcome back to Spring Term 2 and the forth edition of our Nursery Newsletter!
We hope you have had a restful half term break and are ready for an exciting new term in our wonderful new Nursey!.

Our topic this half term is...

Handa's Hen!

This half term our topic is 'Handa's Hen'.
We will be reading Handa's Surprise as a main story focus and learning about Africa, exotic fruits and vegetables, and animals native to Africa.
We will also be hatching our very own chicks in our classroom! We will be doing lots of work around the chicks, life cycles and, of course, Easter!

Home Reading



We would like to say a big well done to all of 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 in the new book corner by our reading tree.** 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 suitable 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.

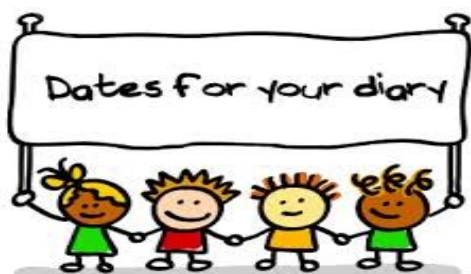
* Lunch for two days is **£2.40** per week.

* 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.



Thursday 7th March - World Book Day
Monday 11th March - Science Week
Monday 18th March - Eggs arrive in Nursery!
Monday 1st April - Autism Awareness Week
Wednesday 3rd April - Phonics Workshop
Tuesday 9th April - Acorns Parents open afternoon
Thursday 11th April - Conkers Parents open afternoon
Friday 12th April —End of term Easter break

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:

Joy The children will feel the joy of new life.

Love The children will learn to make links between how they care for and love the chicks, how their families care for and love them and how Christians believe God cares and loves for everyone.

Gentleness The children will learn how it makes them feel when they are gentle and how the chicks respond to gentleness.

Kindness The children will learn how it makes them feel when they are kind and how the chicks respond to kindness.

Hope The children will learn about hope when waiting for the chicks to hatch.

Patience The children will learn about patience when waiting for the chicks to hatch.

Tolerance and Respect The children will learn about life in a Kenyan village and consider things that are the same and things that are different between Frankley and Kenya.

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 everyone who attended parents evening and the Maths workshop. It was great being able to get crafty, share your child's work with you and to let you know how they are getting on in school. We look forward to meeting you again at the phonics workshop on the 3rd April and this term's open afternoon.

We would love it if every child could share their work with an adult.

Key Groups...

These groups are led 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/>