



Nursery Newsletter

Spring 1 Edition



Welcome back to Holly Hill Nursery!



Hello and welcome to the Spring Term and the third edition of our Nursery Newsletter!
We had a really enjoyable Autumn Term and the Nursery Team would like to say a big thank you to all those that attended the various events we held.

Our topic this half term is...

We're Going on a Bear Hunt!

This half term our topic is 'We're Going on a Bear Hunt'. In our first week back we have read the story and learned the actions. We will also be learning some other bear related stories using Big Books. This will allow the children to continue to develop their love for reading.



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 winter coat everyday.

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.

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 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. I will be collecting the reading records in the next few weeks. Thank you.

We're Going on a Bear Hunt
Michael Rosen Helen Oxenbury

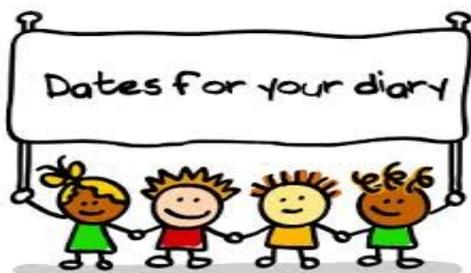


Story time!

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.

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.



Teddy Bears Picnic – TBC
Wednesday 23rd January—Maths Workshop
Tuesday 5th February—Safer Internet Day
Wednesday 6th February – Chinese New Year
Week Beginning 11th February — Health Week
Tuesday 12th February— Parents Evening
Wednesday 13th February—Parents Evening

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 story 'This is the bear' and different activities.

Joy: The children will learn about joy when exploring World Book Day and the joy that Jesus gave to others.

Respect: The children will learn how to show respect to each other and to their environment. We will learn about the wider world and how we can look after it.

Thankfulness: The children will learn how to be thankful for our world. They will discuss all of the different ways we can show thanks and use them to make their world a better place.

Gentleness: The children will learn gentleness through the 'Can't you sleep little bear?' story. They will continue to follow our golden rule "We are gentle."

Tolerance: The children will learn about acceptance and how to tolerate different feelings and beliefs. Through stories from the bible they will learn how Jesus showed tolerance and accepted everybody.

Friendship: The children will learn about the friends of Jesus and what makes a good friend.

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, the Christmas Craft Workshop and Open Afternoon.

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 parents evening on the 12th and 13th February.

Key Groups...

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/>