

Newsletter - September 2018

I would just to like to welcome everyone to the start of our new school year. It has been a very busy couple of weeks in Houghton Community Nursery, with many new children starting in our baby room, The Den and the Main Nursery. It has been wonderful to see how quickly all of the children have settled and how they are enjoying the wide range of activities that are on offer.

Myself and the staff are enjoying getting to know both the children and families, and are excited about what lies in store for the year ahead.

We have some changes to staffing this year; Bethany and Caitlain who worked in the Den and baby room are now based in main nursery. We welcome Jamie back from her maternity leave into main nursery and we welcome three new members of staff.

Hayley and Carla are based in the Den and Julie in the baby room. I would like to give them a warm welcome and hope they also have an enjoyable time with us.

Car Park

The nursery only has a small car park which is mainly for staff and visitors. Please can I ask that parents are therefore considerate when parking - To try and ease the congestion outside the school it may be easier to park on the main street and walk up.

School Uniform

We have a large selection of 'Used' uniform that is available for parents, that is on display in the reception . If you would like any of it please can we ask that you just make a small donation to school fund.

Snack Time

At Nursery we promote healthy eating, and find that snack time is a really good opportunity to develop this. The children have access to water and a healthy snack every day in the snack room. Not only are the children encouraged to prepare snack but staff are able to talk to the children about things that help them to be fit and healthy.

During your child's time here they will have many opportunities to try a wide variety of fruit, vegetables and other healthy foods. However we really need parents help to continue this. We therefore ask parents/carers to contribute £1 per week, which is used to cover the cost of snack (and any other cooking ingredients we may need).

We hope you appreciate and support us in encouraging all children to eat healthily. If you haven't already done so please let staff know if your child has any food allergies or special dietary requirements.



At Houghton Nursery school we use learning journals to document the learning, successes, investigations and celebrations of individuals. We have changed the style of our learning journals this year and you will soon be given a front cover to decorate with your child to make it special and personal to them.

Upcoming Events

We have a number of exciting things planned for the children this term and understand that families like to have as much notice as possible for upcoming events. To help you prepare for the term ahead we have attached a list of dates for the autumn term. Please be aware that we try our best to stick to these dates but some may be changed with notice given and they are not exhaustive (more dates may be added throughout the year) We really hope you find this a useful tool in keeping everyone up to date with what is happening in nursery,

We will also put a copy of the dates on our website and have regular updates of forthcoming events on facebook and through letters to parents and carers.

A few reminders:

- Please remember to put your child's name in ALL OF THEIR clothes, including shoes.
- Please inform us if any of your child's medical details change.
- Please let us know if you change address or telephone number.
- Please remember that if you child has sickness or diarrhoea that they must stay away from nursery for 48hrs.
- To try and ease the pressure on parents who drop off/ collect children from other school, parents are able to collect their children from 11.40am and 3.20pm

Thank You



The first event we have planned is Jeans for Genes day on Friday 21st September.

All of the staff and children are invited to wear jeans for the day for a £1 donation. All of the money raised will help children who suffer from a genetic disorder and will be used to ensure they get the care and support they need.



On Friday 28th September between 9.15-10.45am and 1.15-2.45pm, we are going to be holding our own coffee morning, where parents, family members and friends are invited to join us for a cuppa and cake. Further details to follow

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

As a maintained school we are required by the local authority to take 5 in-service training days throughout the school year. As a result both the nursery and childcare will be closed on **Tuesday 23rd April**

Half Term Holiday

Nursery Closes on **Friday 19th October** and Reopens on **Monday 29th October**
During the holiday paid childcare is available from 7.30am – 6.00pm for children aged 0-11. If you require childcare during this week please ask at the office.



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