Horsham Nursery School

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January 2025

Dear Mums, Dads and Carers,

Welcome back to a new term at Horsham Nursery! We hope you all had a lovely Christmas break. This term we are welcoming 12 children moving up to our Over 3's Nursery and 13 new children to our Under 3's.

Staffing changes:

We say a welcome back to Hayley Brice as she returns from her maternity leave. Hayley will be joining the Overs team on Mondays and Tuesdays.

As our numbers increase in our Over 3's we are welcoming Linda Du to our breakfast team.

Becca Tweed will also be moving to our Over 3's team, supporting the younger children as they move through from the Discoverers room.

Reminders and updates for the start of the year…..

Dressing for the weather:

Please ensure your child has a warm coat including layers to go underneath. Staff do make sure your child is warm in the garden, however we are running short of spare gloves so please send your child in with gloves and also hats. At this time of year, the children have a lot of clothes for us to manage so please help us by naming everything and we will support the children to look after their belongings and find everything at the end of the day.

Forest School sessions:

This is the new timetable for Forest Schools for January. We hope to recruit a new Forest School Lead to continue this valuable experience for the children.

January	**Tues**	**Weds**
AM	Discoverers Becca-Green Group	Discoverers Ceri-Red group
PM	Bronwen-Pink group Angie-Orange group	Jo-Yellow Group

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Applications for Primary School places

The deadline for applying for a school place is **Wednesday 15 January 2025** for all children born between **1 September 2020 and 31 August 2021**. If you need support with your application please talk to your Key Carers or Liz or Angie Stenning. It is important that you apply for a place, even if you are hoping for a Specialist setting after applying for an EHCP this year.

You can find the link for the application here:

https://www.westsussex.gov.uk/education-children-and-families/schools-and-colleges/school-places/apply/starting-school-places/

We look forward to working with you and your children over the next term.

Best wishes

Liz Mellor

Headteacher

PLEASE CHECK OUT THE DIARY DATES ON THE FOLLOWING PAGE..

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Diary Dates:

Date	Event		Overs	Explorers Discoverers
Wednesday 15th January	Deadline for School Applications		✓	
Friday 24th January	Deadline for booking February Holiday Club	Booking link will be sent out Friday 17th January	✓	
Week beginning 3rd February	Stay and Play sessions for all families	Choose a session that your child attends and stay for the first 30 minutes to play.	✓	✓
Friday 7th February	Number Day	Children will participate in a fun-filled day of maths and raise money for the NSPCC.	✓	
Tuesday 11th February	Safer Internet Day	We will be raising awareness and learning more about internet safety.	✓	✓
Wednesday 12th February	Parents Curriculum meeting	An opportunity for you to see what is on offer for your child at HNS and ideas for how to help at home. There will be a repeated meeting at 9am and 5pm for you to choose.	✓	✓
17-21st February	February half term	Overs closed. Holiday club open for working parents.	✓	
Friday 14th March	Deadline for booking Easter Holiday Club	Booking link will be sent out Friday 7th March	✓	
3rd March-7th March	Book week	Parents welcome in to share stories. Choose a session that your child attends and stay for the first 30 minutes.	✓	
11th and 13th March	Parent consultations	Appointments with Key Carers to discuss your child's progress.	✓	
Week beginning 24th March	Stay and Play sessions for all families	Choose a session that your child attends and stay for the first 30 minutes to play.	✓	✓
17th – 21st March Friday 21st March	Neurodiversity Celebration Week World Down Syndrome Day	We will celebrate neurological differences. Lots of Socks campaign – wearing mismatched or colourful socks with voluntary donations to PADs (Positive About Down Syndrome)	✓	✓
7th- 17th April	Easter Holidays for Overs	Overs closed. Holiday club open for working parents.	✓	
18th April and 21st April	Bank Holidays	Whole nursery closed for Easter		✓
22th April	INSET day	Whole Nursery closed	✓	✓