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June 2024

Dear Mums, Dads and Carers,

The next two months are busy ones at Nursery so please do check diary dates at the end of this Newsletter!

Sponsored Sports

The children in the Overs have loved completing circuits of our obstacle course over the week. Check out our Facebook page!

Thank you to all those of you have donated already towards our fund for purchasing balance bikes. If you would still like to donate, here is our just giving page:

https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/Horsham-Nursery-School-1

Family Open Day: Saturday 22nd June-if you haven't already, save the date!

We would like to welcome you into our Family Open day on **Saturday 22nd June from 10.30-12.00am.** Staff will be available to talk to you about our bespoke curriculum here at Horsham Nursery and answer any other questions you may have. There will be an opportunity to see your child's rooms and to see their special folder. Forest School will be running and we hope to run some fundraising activities to support our extra-curricular activities and summer parties. Save the date and bring along your family members. We look forward to seeing you all there!

We would love any donations of cakes for our café on the day, please send them in on Friday 21st to the office.

Working Families Funded Entitlement for Explorers

The expansion of childcare funding starts for children aged 9 months upwards from September 24 and Horsham Nursery will be accepting this for the Explorers age group. This will be offered all year round, stretching the funding to 11 hours per week. Please apply for your code using the link on the website: https://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk/ and send in the code to our office via Under3sadmin@horshamnursery.co.uk.

Staff news

Lisa

Katy

We are delighted to tell you that we have appointed Lisa Watson and Katy Ward to our Under 3's teams.

Congratulations to Christy on her marriage during half term!

We are sad to say goodbye to Lisa Lines who has worked in the Under 3's teams for 18 years. We wish her well in her retirement!

Medical Conditions

A reminder from our Key Carers that unless you inform us we will assume that there are no changes to your child's medical conditions and we will continue to follow their healthcare plans between reviews. Please ensure your child's epipens and inhalers are in Nursery and are in date.

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Transition

The next few weeks in school are going to be busy as lots of children start to transition. There are 19 children in the Unders who are moving to the Overs and their Key Carers will be busy bringing them across for visits to help them settle. We have 73 children moving onto 19 different Primary Schools so there are lots of teachers visiting to meet them in Nursery before they move onto school. We are working hard to keep all the children settled through this transition and enjoy their last months with their current Key Carers.

In preparation for starting in Reception, please encourage your child to say goodbye at the door and go in to put their belongings away independently or with the support of the team.

Reports

If your child is leaving us at the end of the academic year, you will receive an end of year report from their Key Carer in July, this will also be shared with their new teacher.

Parent Consultations

These will be available for you to book for children staying on in the Overs in September. Invitations to sign up using our MCAS app will be coming out to you soon. For the Explorers and Discoverers we will be making appointments with you during July and August.

What to bring to Nursery to dress for the weather!

With the many changes in weather, please continue to ensure your child has a pair of wellingtons (still great for Forest School and water play!), a light raincoat and a sunhat. Whilst we have spares in Nursery, it makes it much easier if your child has these named items ready on their peg throughout the day.

Thank you to all parents who have sent in £5 towards the cost of suncream. Staff take great care to ensure the children are well protected from the sun over the day and as a result we go through a lot of cream!

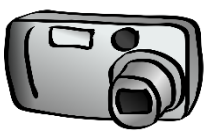
Update from Haven, our Safeguarding Puppet:

Haven has been helping the children to learn about staying safe in the sun. Haven reminded children to wear a sun hat, use sun cream and keep hydrated by drinking enough water. Haven also helped everyone to think about playing in the shade or coming inside when they are feeling hot!

Holiday club for the Overs

We ran another successful Holiday Club for a small group of children over half term. Don't forget to book your spaces for the Summer Club by the deadline so that we can ensure all working parents have a planned space in the club.

Photography day



On Wednesday 12th June, Danny from Smiles Photography will be taking individual and sibling photographs. If your child does not usually attend on Wednesdays please pop in to the Reception between 1.30 and 2.30pm if you would like your child to have a photograph taken.

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Governors Pen Portraits: Our new Co-Opted Governor, Ann Gilchrist, introduces herself to you:

I'm a retired headteacher with over 35 years experience teaching in early years and primary schools in Horsham, Crawley and abroad. I've also enjoyed the privilege of visiting schools and seeing them in action through my work as an independent school inspector. Since my retirement I enjoy being with my grandchildren, and I'm currently also volunteering with a UK charity doing some mentoring with a headteacher in a remote rural school in Zambia.

I'm delighted to be joining the governing team and to support the continuing great work for all the children at Horsham Nursery School.

We look forward to seeing you at all our events in the next few weeks. See below on the next page for dates.

Warm wishes,

Liz Mellor

Headteacher

KEY DATES FOR THIS TERM:

Dates		Overs	Explorers and Discoverers
Monday 3rd June- Friday 7th June	Sponsored Sports event to raise money for new bikes	✓	
Tuesday 11th June	Meet the Teacher event for children transitioning to school. We will send you invitations if your child's new teacher is attending.	✓	
Wednesday 12th	Photography day	✓	✓
Monday 17th June	Bookings open for Summer Holiday club	✓	
Tuesday 18th and Thursday 20th June	Over 3's parent consultations These will be for children staying on at nursery next year. For children starting school in September 2024, written reports will be given out from 8th July.	✓	
Saturday 22nd June 10.30-12.00pm	Horsham Nursery School Family Open Day	✓	✓
Monday 24th June – Friday 28th June	Music Week	✓	✓
Friday 27th June	Deadline for bookings for Summer Holiday club	✓	
Wc 1st July	Stay and Play sessions- come along to play for the first half hour of the day.	✓	✓
Wc 15th July	Summer Parties for children	✓	✓
Tuesday 23rd July	Last day of term for Overs	✓	
July/ August by arrangement	Under 3's Parent Consultations		✓
INSET DAYS for 2024-2025: Whole Nursery closed for staff training	Monday 2nd September 2024 Friday 25th October 2024 Monday 6th January 2025 Tuesday 22nd April 2025 Monday 2nd June 2025	✓	✓