Horsham Nursery School

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Dear Mums, Dads and Carers,

We have had a busy, successful half term Holiday Club and now all the Overs are back enjoying the fun and hopefully some sunshine this week!

Staffing changes:

We sadly say goodbye to Hayley Brice as she leaves us to work in a Nursery local to where she lives. Hayley has worked here for over 9 years and we thank her for all the wonderful care she has brought to our young children.

We are welcoming some new team members to the Overs. Sally Keene, our new Forest School Lead is settling in and getting to know the children. Kim Harris joins us this week as Key Carer to cover Becca Imrie's maternity leave. Moyi Yuen joins our tea club team and May Sum joins our cleaner's team. In March we also welcome Sam Naseer as Nursery Assistant supporting in the Overs.

Sally Keene	Kim Harris	Moyi Yuen	May Sum	Sam Naseer

Nursery funding

We recently sent you our new fees, which can also be found on our website. As a Maintained Nursery School we always ensure that we maintain high standards of professional development for our staff and we have a programme of replacing larger garden play equipment as the budget allows. This term Explorers have had new Astroturf in their garden and are enjoying the space again for outdoor play!

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Soft Play/ Bouncy Castle- 12th March

As you will have seen, our Soft Play Shed has been out of action for a few months now after a serious leak which has ruined a lot of the matting and revealed further work to be done on the floor and roof. We are hoping to reopen it up again soon but would love your help to raise some money to replace the matting. It really is a valuable provision for all age groups with very high use. On Wednesday 12th March, we will be holding a Sponsored Bounce with all the children taking part. We would be grateful for any donations towards getting our soft play up and running again. Our target for replacing the mats is £1200. Please use the Sponsor form attached and return it to your Key Carer on the day.

A Wellbeing space

We would like to extend a huge thank you to Marianne, who has worked on a wellbeing project with us over the last year. Marianne used a workplace scheme called Enjoy Benefits to donate money to our Nursery. She chose to spend the donation on a wellbeing space for staff as she recognised what an intense job they do on a daily basis to care for our children. Marianne also helped further, getting involved in the project by designing and decorating the space with her family's help. We are so lucky to have this space ready to use now for a place for calm and reflection during our very busy work day and also for family meetings with you.

We are fortunate to be working with another parent, currently using the donation to organise outdoor physical development training through the same 'Enjoy Benefits' scheme. If you have this scheme at work or anything similar that will benefit Nursery we are very happy to work with you and target the money at something you would like to help us improve.

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Curriculum Evening

The Senior Leadership Team will be running two Curriculum Evening workshops for you to find out about our bespoke curriculum here at Horsham Nursery. The first, on Wednesday 19th March at 5-5.45pm is for all parents of all ages. The second, on Thursday 20th March at 4.30-5.15pm is for parents of children transitioning to Primary School. Come and find out about our curriculum and how your child can be preparing for a positive transition into school!

Parent Passport

This week you should receive observations of your child via Parent Passport. This is our new way to share your child's Learning Journal. Please bear with us as we release your child's first observations using this system! Key carers need all permission information and time to check photos, before they are sent out.

Forest School sessions:

This is the new timetable for Forest Schools until Easter.

January	**Tues**	**Weds**	Thursday	Friday	
AM	Jo-Yellow Group	Discoverers Katie- Purple group with Becca T's Blue Group	Angie-Orange group Bronwen-Pink group	Discoverers Kim- Green Group	
PM	Ceri- Red group				

Haven, our Safeguarding Puppet is often present in the Overs to remind children about keeping safe. This half term he will be talking to the children about safe, trusted adults and about stranger danger. At Nursery we show the children who are our trusted adults by issuing purple lanyards to staff and red lanyards to visitors.

A last plea…. could you send back any spare wellies, clothes, socks and underwear that your child has borrowed please. If you have any donations of socks, we are particularly short in the Discoverers room!

We look forward to seeing you at the many events going on between now and Easter!

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
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 to read and share stories. Tuesday- Storyteller sessions Thursday- dressing up as favourite book characters	✓	
11th and 13th March	Parent consultations	Appointments with Key Carers to discuss your child's progress.	✓	
Tuesday 11th March	Book fair	Usborne books will be on display and available for you to browse. All purchases will contribute towards free books for our library.	✓	✓
Wednesday 12th March	Sponsored Bounce	A Bouncy Castle event to raise money for our soft play shed.	✓	✓
19th March	Holi Dancing	We have visitors in to help us learn about Holi Celebrations	✓	
Wednesday 19th March 5pm	Curriculum meeting	All Parents Welcome, all age groups	✓	✓
Thursday 20th March 4.30pm	Curriculum meeting/ Transition to school	All Over 3's Parents Welcome to find out about our curriculum and how to support your child to have a positive transition into school.	✓	
Monday 17th – Friday 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)	✓	✓
WC 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.	✓	✓
WC 24/3/25 and 31/3/26	Parent consultations- Explorers	Appointments with Key Carers to discuss your child's progress.		✓
Monday 7th- Thursday 17th April	Easter Holidays for Overs	Overs closed. Holiday club open for working parents.	✓	
WC 7/4/25 and 14/4/25	Parent consultations- Discoverers	Appointments with Key Carers to discuss your child's progress.		✓
Friday 18th April and Monday 21st April	Bank Holidays	Whole nursery closed for Easter	✓	✓
Monday 22th April	INSET day	Whole Nursery closed	✓	✓
Tuesday 23rd April	Start of Summer Term	Nursery open for Summer term	✓	✓

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