Horsham Nursery School

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Dear Mums, Dads and Carers,

It has been a busy start to the year at Horsham Nursery with lots going on already! Please do read to the end for any news that will affect your child's age group.

We look forward to seeing you at our Stay and Play sessions at 9am and 1pm each day next week. Ceri, one of our teachers in the Overs is running a parent workshop for Overs on supporting your child at home so please pop upstairs on Wednesday from 9.30am to join her for a coffee and some great practical advice.

Special Folders

At Horsham Nursery we value the time we spend interacting with your child and have never wanted to use i-pads extensively to take over our day. However, we do understand that it is easier for you to access our observations and send us photos via an App, so we have listened and are currently investigating the use of an App to begin building your child's special folders electronically. Watch this space for more news on how we can work together on this!

Harvest Donations

Thank you for all the Harvest donations so far for Horsham Matters. Our collection will be closing on Wednesday 23rd so there's a little more time if you wish to donate to our local foodbank.

Children in Need

In anticipation of our fundraising for Children in Need in November, we will have a very special visitor on Tuesday 22nd October to start our collection off. Please bring in some pennies, if you can, for our collection bucket at 8am and 9am next Tuesday. (If your child is unsure then Pudsey would love just a little wave as they arrive!) We will also be selling Pudsey ears after half term if you would like to buy them from the office, ready to wear on Friday November 15th. Everything raised from Horsham Nursery will be collected by Horsham Rotary Club for the national charity.

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Magic Carpet

The children have been enjoying our new 'Magic Carpet'. We have purchased this from money raised by parents of Horsham Nursery and it will benefit all age groups for many aspects of their learning in a fun interactive way!

Christmas Elves

Each year we love to give a book to each child at Christmas as a gift from Father Christmas. If you would be happy to help us wrap the books please email our office at office@horshamnursery.co.uk to book a date with us.

Christmas Eve

For the children in Discoverers, Explorers and the Overs Holiday Club, we will be staying open until **6pm** to support working parents and to offer any funded sessions that day. If you know that you will not be using your sessions that day, please let us know so that we can plan our staffing accordingly.

Applications for Primary School places

The deadline for applying for a school place is **Wednesday 15th 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. The application window is open now. Information leaflets are by the Overs door.

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/

Parent Consultations

We will be running Parent Consultations for every child during the weeks commencing 11th and 18th November. You will be receiving an invitation from the office to sign up to an App called 'My Child at School'. Following this, times and dates will be released for you to sign up for an appointment with your Key Carer. This is an opportunity for you to have a detailed conversation about your child's achievements and to plan the next steps for your child together.

Parking

Our car park is only for staff parking unless there are special circumstances in which case a permit will be issued. Between the hours of 8.30am and 4.15pm we politely ask you not to park in our car park. This will enable our staff to park and be on time for their shifts. The disabled spaces remain available for Blue Badge holders. Sadly we have had more staff cars damaged this month. Thank you for being considerate to our staff.

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Forest school

The timetable for next half term for Forest School is below. Please note that all children attending our sessions should have named waterproof trousers, jackets and wellington boots in a bag on their peg, or come dressed ready if they are arriving at 9am for the first session of the day. Whilst we do have spares to offer, it is much quicker to change the children into their own outfits, maximizing their time at Forest School.

	Tuesday	**Wednesday**	**Thursday**
AM	Katie and Angie's groups	Discoverers Bronwen's group	Discoverers Ceri's group
PM	Jo's group	Becca's group	

We would like to introduce and welcome our new Co-Opted Governor, Lynne Wise:

I have spent most of my adult life learning about how children and young people can gain a sense of worth, self-esteem and fulfilment when their knowledge and understanding is enriched and developed. I am married and have three grown up children and four grandchildren who all keep me smiling and alert to the speed of change in the world. I have been a Headteacher of three schools, and a General Advisor for a 'patch' of primary schools. I am retired, although on a sessional basis, I work with a local university to support the mentoring of trainee teachers. I find this opportunity rewarding, it is a privilege to be able to share some of my relevant experience. I will do my best to support the Headteacher and staff in the development and success of Horsham Nursery. My interests include a regular yoga practice, walking (fair weather!), travelling near and far, theatre trips, dancing, visiting galleries, exhibitions and family days.

On the following page there is a list of key dates for the term to help you plan your calendars. As you can see below, there is lots going on for the children and families this term at Nursery. We always love to have parents, carers and grandparents in to help so you will see the key dates there when we will be asking for your involvement- all welcome! Please don't hesitate to ask us any questions for further details, give us feedback and request any support by speaking to your Key Carer, the Senior Leadership Team or through the office.

Warm wishes,

Liz Mellor

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Key Dates Autumn 24-Spring 25

Date:	Event:	Overs	Unders
October 21st- 24th	**Stay and Play**- join in the fun for the first half hour of one of your child's sessions. Join us during the week by coming to our informative parent workshops on how to help your child- dates to be confirmed.	✓	✓
Friday 25th October	**INSET Day**- whole Nursery closed for staff training	✓	✓
October 28th- November 1st	Half term closure for Overs (Holiday club available). Explorers and Discoverers stay open.	✓	
November 11th – 15th	National Nursery Rhyme week will be celebrated- **parents and grandparents invited in** to join in the fun!	✓	✓
November 15th	Children in Need: more information to follow regarding dressing up! You may wish to purchase Pudsey Ears from 4th November onwards from our office for £2.50 to support this charity. (Cash only please)	✓	✓
Weeks beginning 11th and 18th November	**Parent Consultation Meetings**- Discoverers and Explorers- invitations from Key Carers to follow		✓
November 19st and 21st	**Parent Consultation Meetings** – Overs- time slots to be open for you to book	✓	
November 29th	Deadline for Christmas Holiday Club bookings for Overs (booking link to be issued 8/11/24).	✓	
December 2nd -6th	Overs visit the Post box- **Parent helpers needed!**	✓	
December 10th	Christmas Singing-11.30am and 3.30pm Two tickets per family with any spare tickets allocated by request.	✓	
December 11th	Chartwells Christmas Lunch	✓	✓
Week beginning 16th December	Christmas parties for all children	✓	✓
December 20th	End of term for Overs (Holiday club available 23rd, 24th Dec, 2nd and 3rd Jan)	✓	
December 24th	Whole Nursery closed for Christmas break at **6pm.**	✓	✓
January 2nd	First day back for the new year 2025 for Discoverers and Explorers.		✓
January 6th	**INSET Day**- whole Nursery closed for staff training	✓	✓
January 7th	First day of term for Over 3's Nursery	✓	