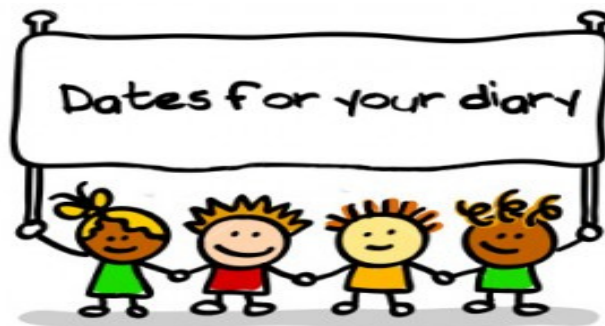


Welcome to Highwood Day Nursery Autumn newsletter we are approaching a very busy half term, so we will start with some important dates for your diary.



Monday 25th July to Friday 2nd September -No funding for Nursery Educational Grant.

Monday 25th July to Friday 2nd September -Summer holiday club.

Monday 29th August - Bank Holiday - Nursery is closed.

Monday 29th August to 2nd September - No THINK2 funded children this week.

Monday 5th September -Autumn term begins /Nursery Educational Grant recommences.

11th September - Grandparents Day. We will be holding special events this week for Grandparents to attend the setting. More details to follow.

W/C 3rd October - Information evening for parents regarding the EYFS curriculum and how we deliver it at the nursery.

W/C 24th October - Half term - Holiday club.

Friday 28th October - Halloween party - please bring your child dressed up for this day.

WE WILL MISS YOU



We would firstly like to wish all the children who are leaving us over the summer to start School or Pre-school settings the best of luck. We will miss you all and hope you will come back and visit us soon. Don't forget the Christmas Fayre... pop along to see us and visit Santa while you are here



Forest school - sessions will be running again every Wednesday from September so please ensure your child has appropriate clothing to go outside. The children will still go out in the cold weather but sessions may be shorter than normal if they are cold. The children will still have opportunity over the summer to do sessions when Sam is here.



Jeans for Genes Day on Friday 23rd September. 1 in 25 children has a genetic disorder that makes their life very difficult. Simply by wearing our jeans and donating, we will change the lives of these children.

All toddlers and staff are invited to wear their jeans on **Friday 23rd September** to help Jeans for Genes Day reach its target of £2million. We'd like everyone to take part so please send your little one to nursery on the Day wearing their jeans and with a £2 donation.

If you'd like to find out more about Jeans for Genes Day and how our support will help, please visit their website at jeansforgenes.org



Holiday Club Bookings We will be running a half term Big Kids Holiday Club from Monday 24th October to Friday 28th October. Please see Vicki or Aimee for details and places available. The club is for children who have started school 4+ to 8 year olds. Come and join in the fun at Highwood's Big Kids Club



Sainsbury's vouchers for Schools Thank you for all the vouchers that you kindly collected. We have ordered some exciting new equipment including a fantastic new parachute.



Tempest Photography will be visiting on the 6th October to take individual photographs of all the children. If your child does not usually attend nursery on a Thursday you are still welcome to bring them in but can you please contact us to book an appointment. Bookings are usually at the beginning of the session from 9.30 to 10.30am



Toys in Nursery Could we ask that children do not bring toys from home into nursery. Toys can go missing, get broken or cause conflict between children. We appreciate your cooperation with this.



Diarrhoea and Vomiting If your child has been poorly they must not return to Nursery until 48 hours have passed since their last case of either sickness or diarrhoea. This guideline is set by the department of health to prevent the spread of illness between other children and staff. Please see our Sickness Exclusion Period, for further clarification, which can be found on the notice board in the reception area

We ask that parents/carers advise us when a child is absent from nursery, either to nursery staff in advance of absence or by phoning the nursery on first day of absence. Part of our duty of care is that we know children are safe if not in nursery. We appreciate your cooperation with this



Comments and Suggestions - As part of developing our service we always like to collect your views and suggestions and act upon them where possible. If you would like to give us some feedback, recommend an idea you may have or just praise the girls for the work they do with your child then we now have comments and suggestions forms . Please feel free to collect a form and return via the Parents/ Carers suggestion box located in the hallway.



Nursery Sessions - If you need to change your sessions for any reason or terminate your place at the nursery we require four weeks written notice as stated in our terms and conditions.

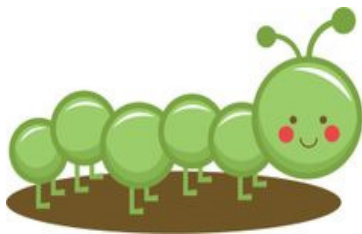


Pre-school uniform - Purple polo shirts are available to buy from the office for £5. Although optional we would like all children to wear these as it will not only save their clothes it will help prepare them for school life. Please ensure all clothes and belongings are named.



Weather We would kindly ask that you send your child in appropriate clothing for when we are playing outdoors. On sunny days, we would ask that you apply 8 hour sun cream to your child before they start their session. If your child attends all day then sun cream will need to be provided in order for staff to reapply after lunch. Please ensure the sun cream is named and that you have signed our sun cream procedure form. Please ensure your child has a coat with them every session and we discourage children wearing flip-flops and crocs for safety reasons.

Caterpillars



We would like to welcome all of our new caterpillars that have started with us. We hope you are all looking forward to lots of fun. Over the next few months we have a lot of caterpillars turning 2. We wish you all the best in your new journey in the butterfly room. Please do not hesitate to speak to your child's key worker or a member of staff if you have any questions or queries about your child's transition into the new room.

The caterpillars have been enjoying lots of fun outside in the sunshine exploring the sand & water amongst lots of other exciting activities and resources. Could we please ask that you apply 8 hour sun cream at home before coming to nursery to allow us to spend as much valuable time outdoors!

We have also been very busy doing lots of different craft activities and getting very messy to create new displays in the room. We are in the process of creating some new treasure baskets for the caterpillars. They are enjoying using their senses to explore a selection of everyday objects from our Shiny treasure. Treasure baskets are a great way to develop holistic development and can easily be created at home too!! Feel free to ask a member of staff for any ideas.

Over the next few months the caterpillars have lots to be keeping themselves busy at nursery. As we celebrate harvest in September the babies will be given the opportunity to explore different fruits from a Harvest treasure basket whilst the older children will also use different fruits and vegetables to print with. We will also be collecting leaves from the outdoors to use to create their very own leaf printing artwork alongside some cute handprint hedgehogs for an autumn display.

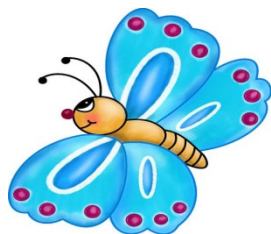
Halloween will also be creeping upon us and we plan to have a spooky party on Friday 28th October which will involve lots of games and messy activities. Please come in your best Halloween outfit.

We continue to welcome any home photographs you wish to share with us for our displays and children's learning journeys. These can be family photos for our family tree, holiday snaps for our seaside display, transport photos for our vehicle display or any others you may wish to share. These can be given to a member of staff or emailed over to us -

info@highwooddaynursery.co.uk - so we are able to print them off and display them.

Also please do not forget about our parent/carer observation forms. If you see your child doing anything new at home please jot it down on a form so we can include this in their learning journey. These forms can be found in the hallway.

Butterflies



Firstly, a big warm welcome to all our new butterflies, we hope you have lots of fun during your stay with us. Also good luck to the butterflies that have recently moved into the Ladybird room.

The children have been learning about the summer season by investigating the outdoor environment looking at the changing trees and plants and observing the weather. We then created a lovely display linked to the Summer Season. In order to create our display we used a range of techniques such as sponge painting, gluing and sticking, painting using sand and brushes. We have been talking all about holidays where we go, how we travel and what we like to do and eat especially delicious ice cream!!!

We would love to enhance our summer display with holiday postcards and photographs, these can be sent over via email to info@highwooddaynursery.co.uk if this is an easier option.

At Highwood we like to establish good health and hygiene practices from a young age so we have been talking about being safe in the sun wearing our sun hats, putting on our sun cream and making sure we drink lots especially when it is hot!!

Look out for our beach themed free flow area with sand and water for the children to have lots of fun. We will have a summer treasure basket for the children to explore and use their senses.

We will be up dating our story/rhyme display board with a "Five Elephant's" number rhyme as this is one of the children's favourites and helps the children recite numbers and identify changes in quantity when added or taken away. This will also be linked to learning all about the zoo animals. The children will be getting creative using a variety of media to make the five elephant display. They will have an opportunity to enjoy small world play with animals and resources such as grass and twigs for the children to create home environments for the animals.

Mid September as the season changes we will be begin to talk about Autumn and the changes it brings. We will be going into the garden to collect fallen leaves to make collages and paint the leaves to create prints and patterns. We will also be introducing autumn colours to the children when carrying out other craft activities.

In October we will be talking about harvest and doing vegetable printing. We will also be making lots of spooky pictures in time for Halloween and dressing up to celebrate in style. If you observe your child(ren) doing something at home that is new please fill a parent/carer observation form, which can be found in the hall way, and pass on to your child's key worker. This can then be included in your child's learning journey.

Ladybirds



A big ladybird welcome to all our new children, we hope you settle in well and enjoy ladybird life.

Over the summer holidays we will be having lots of fun during our themed weeks.



Creative week -w/c 25th July

We will be having lots of fun using our imagination to create junk modelling, using textured paint to create our own pictures and developing our gross motor and hand eye co-ordination using colourful strips of paper to weave.



Superhero week-w/c 1st August

Calling all superheroes.....the children will have the opportunity to design their own superhero/ cape, create masks and join in with superhero exercises outdoors. On Friday 5th August the children are welcome to come in their superhero costumes and show us their special powers.



Baking week-w/c 8th August

The children will be making some tasty treats everyday and bringing them home to share with you. They will be learning about healthy eating when creating tasty fruit kebabs. They will be carefully weighing out ingredients to bake cakes and develop their skills to roll and cut out biscuits. They will explore the process of baking bread which we will use to make sandwiches, filled with their own choice of fillings....yummy !!



Sports week-w/c 15th August

The children will have lots of opportunities to be outdoors this week when competing in races and fun physical activities.

The children will have the opportunity to take part in the following events:

Egg and spoon race, Running race, Bean bag race, Wellington boot throwing. The children will also be developing their ball skills by taking part in several ball activities e.g. football, basketball.



Beach week-w/c 22nd August

We are hoping the weather stays nice for us to imagine we are at the seaside by having fun in the paddling pool and sand pit. You are more than welcome to put your child's swimming costume and towel in their bag so that they can really enjoy splashing in the water and building sandcastles. We will be making some delicious ice lollies which will help to cool us down.



Pirate and princess week- w/c 29th August

'Once upon a time' and 'a yo ho ho' ... the children will be searching for treasure this week. They will be making some delicious pirate pizza, creating some beautiful jewellery and drawing treasure maps.

September will be the start of a brand new term. We will be welcoming the new starters by exploring "All about me" enabling the children to develop their confidence. The children will have the opportunity to talk about themselves, their families and their favourite things they like to do.

They will be using mirrors to create and design self portraits attempting to use the correct colour for the purpose.

We will be looking at 'people who help us' and introducing the children to stranger danger using visual aids and role play costumes to explore using imagination and pretending.

We are hoping to get some special visitors to come and speak to the children about their special roles but we will keep you informed.

October

We will be discussing the new season Autumn and the changes. We will be leaf collecting which we will then use to print and explore using our senses as well to develop our letters and sounds when exploring new words e.g crunchy, rustle etc.

The ladybird children had been busy at the beginning of the year and began growing their own vegetables. We will be talking to children about "Harvest" and of course having a little taste of our own produce.

The children will be busy creating their own scarecrow so if you have any unwanted clothes please speak to Aimee as these would be a great help.

We will be looking at the story "Oliver's Vegetables" as part of our Harvest theme.

Halloween week 24th- 28th October - The children will be getting creative when making sparkly spiders webs, witches hats and ghoulish ghosts if your child would like to dress up that would be great to see. We will try to face paint the children on Friday. If you have any objections please speak to a member of staff.

Diwali " The Festival of Light" - We will be celebrating the festival of light by creating our own diva lamps out of air drying clay, making cards and decorating Rangoli patterns to bring good luck and more.