

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 24th July to Friday 1st September** -No funding for Nursery Educational Grant.

**Monday 25th July to Friday 1st September** -Summer holiday club.

**Monday 28th August** - Bank Holiday - Nursery is closed.

**Friday 25<sup>th</sup> August** - Crackerjack children's charity- Disney themed day (£2 donation)

**Monday 28<sup>th</sup> August to 1<sup>st</sup> September** - No THINK2 funded children this week.

**Monday 4<sup>th</sup> September** -Autumn term begins /Nursery Educational Grant recommences.

**Monday 11<sup>th</sup> September** - Grandparents Day. We will be holding special events this week for Grandparents to attend the setting. More details to follow.

**Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> September**- Jeans for genes day (£2 donation), All children and staff are invited to wear their jeans.

**Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> October** -World animal day, bring your little one dressed up in a animal themed costume or animal print clothing

**W/C 23<sup>rd</sup> October** - Half term - Holiday club.

**Friday 27th 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



We are having a Disney themed Day in aid of **Crackerjacks children's charity** helping children with severe disabilities on **Friday 25<sup>th</sup> August**, Please bring your child in their favourite costume with a £2 donation.



**Jeans for Genes Day on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> 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 children and staff are invited to wear their jeans on **Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> 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](http://jeansforgenes.org)



**Holiday Club Bookings** We will be running a half term Big Kids Holiday Club from Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> October to Friday 27<sup>th</sup> 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



## National Grandparents day

W/c 11<sup>th</sup> September we shall be inviting Grandparents to come and join us for a variety of activities. Please see your child's room newsletter to find what exciting activities they have planned and which day. If Grandparents are able to attend please let a member of staff know.



**Sainsbury's vouchers for Schools** Thank you for all the vouchers that you kindly collected. We have ordered some exciting new equipment and outdoor resources.



**World animal day, Wednesday 4th October** . We are asking that you could dress your little ones in animal print clothing or costumes. We will also be doing animal themed activities such mask making, and using natural materials in the tuff trays along with the small world animals.



**Tempest Photography** will be visiting on the Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> October to take individual photographs of all the children. If your child does not usually attend nursery on a Wednesday 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



Calling all witches, goblins and ghouls it's time for a Halloween party on **Friday 27<sup>th</sup> October**, please feel free to bring your child in their Halloween costume to join in with ghoulish games, freaky fun and to enjoy some frightening food !!



**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.



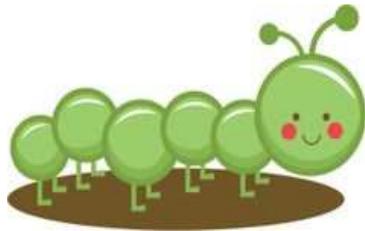
**Weather** We would kindly ask that you send your child in appropriate clothing for when we are playing outdoors. On sunny days, we would ask that you apply 8 hour sun cream to your child before they start their session. If your child attends all day then sun cream will need to be provided in order 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 cros for safety reasons.



**Car park** When dropping off and collecting your child from nursery please keep a close eye on your child as it has been brought to our attention some children are running across the car park, these are the times when the car park is the busiest.

Please can parents and carers avoid parking at the side of the nursery building as this is for staff use only.

## Caterpillars



Firstly we would like to give a big warm welcome to our new children and parents/carers that have joined us over the last couple of months in the Caterpillar room, Ava, Chloe, Ella, Connie, Nia and Adelaide. We will be helping them to settle right in with lots of fun activities.

In addition, we have had to say goodbye to some of our older caterpillars who have moved/are in the process to moving into the Butterfly room, Arrabella, Willow, Jessica, Isla and Alex. We will miss them very much and wish them lots of luck but know they will have so much fun!

### Personal social and emotional-8-20-builds relationships up with special people

As the weather is very warm at the minute, we want to remind parents to provide light cool clothing on the warmer days but suggest bringing some lighter coats/jackets and sun hats for your children to wear when we play outside. Also if you could apply sun cream to your children before they arrive so that we can top it up before we go outside to ensure your child is protected on those sunny days.

Over the past few months all the babies have been taking part in lots of activities and messy play to help to create pieces of work for our displays throughout the nursery, these can be seen in the Caterpillar room and the displays leading down the stairs where you can see art work and pictures of your child taking part in creating the display. Our main focus has been the Summer display and as the months go on we will be starting to prepare for our Autumn display.

Expressing arts and design-exploring media and materials-8-20/16-26, Notices and is interested in the effects of making movements which leave marks, Explores and experiments with a range of media through sensory exploration, and using whole body.

### **Grandparents day**

Grandparents day is Friday the 15th September 10-11am. We are inviting all grandparents to the nursery to join in with some activities such as making shakers and decorating biscuits with the children and to get an insight into what they do whilst they are at nursery.

### **World food day**

World food day is the Monday 16th October. To take part in this, we will be doing some food tasting in the baby room in snack time where the children will have opportunities to try different types of foods that they may not have tried before.

Physical -health and self care -16-26- Develops own likes and dislikes in food and drink.

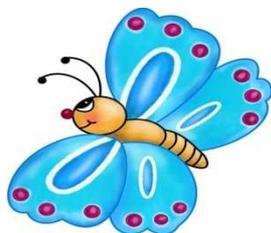
### **Diwali**

The special celebration of Diwali is on Thursday 19th October. For this we will be doing some gluing and sticking activities decorating Rangoli patterns with lots of different colourful materials.

### **Halloween**

This year for Halloween we will be dressing up and joining in with some Halloween messy play activities such as scary slime, oozing spooky sludge, and monster sensory tubs.

## Butterflies



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

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](mailto:info@highwooddaynursery.co.uk) if this is an easier option.

**Understanding the world: people and communities:22-36 "enjoy pictures and stories about themselves , their families and other people"**

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!! **Understanding the world: the world: 22-36 "notices detailed features of objects in the environment"**

The children are going to be exploring new tastes and textures by making and tasting summer foods. **Physical development: health and self care: 16-26-" develops own likes and dislikes in food and drink"**

We are going to be getting very creative with the children to update our book corner , we will be talking to the children about our favourite stories and reading them with the children as well as exploring some story sacks.

**Literacy:reading: 22-36-"has some favourite stories,rhymes, songs, poems or jingles"**

**Communication and language:listening and attention:22-36 "listens with interest to the noises adults make when they read stories"**

To celebrate grandparents week, On **Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> September** the butterfly children would like to invite their grandparents for a teddy bears tea party. Grandparents will be able to come and join us for food and a cup of tea.

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. **Understanding the world: The world :22-36-"notices detailed features of objects in their environment"**

We are going to be making lots of tasty chocolate treats week commencing 9<sup>th</sup> October to celebrate chocolate week, the children will be exploring using their senses, to touch, smell and taste...yummy!!

October 16<sup>th</sup> is world food day the children will have food tasting opportunities where they can find out and discover foods from around the world.

**Physical development: health and selfcare: 16-26 " develops own likes and dislikes in food and drink**

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 24<sup>th</sup> 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 31<sup>st</sup> July

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 5<sup>th</sup> August the children are welcome to come in their superhero costumes and show us their special powers.



### Baking week-w/c 7<sup>th</sup> 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 14<sup>th</sup> 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 21<sup>st</sup> 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 28<sup>th</sup> 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.

**Personal , social and emotional 40-60- Confident to speak to others about own needs, wants, interests and opinions, Can describe self in positive terms and talk about abilities.**

**Expressive arts and design-30-50 Explores colour and how colours can be changed.**

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.

**Expressive arts and design-being imaginative-30-50- Uses available resources to create props to support role-play.**

Monday 11<sup>th</sup> September, preschool children are inviting their grandparents to come and join us for a delicious tea at 3.30pm, please let a member of staff know they can attend.

## 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.

Understanding the world-the world-30-50- Comments and asks questions about aspects of their familiar world such as the place where they live or the natural world.

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.

Literacy-reading-30-50- Listens to stories with increasing attention and recall.

Describes main story settings, events and principal characters.

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**Diwali " The Festival of Light" - Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> October** ,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, the children will be using the bright fluorescent paints to create firework pictures.

Understanding the world-people and communities-30-50- Shows interest in different occupations and ways of life.

**Halloween week 23<sup>rd</sup> - 27<sup>th</sup> 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.