

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.



Thursday 8th August - Crackerjack children's trust -Pirate and princess day (£2 donation)

Monday 2nd September -Autumn term begins /Nursery Educational Funding (NEF) recommences.

Friday 20th September- Jeans for genes day (£2 donation). All children and staff are invited to wear their jeans.

Friday 4th October -World animal day, bring your little one dressed up in an animal themed costume or animal print clothing

Monday 7th October - Grandparents Day. We will be holding special events this week for Grandparents to attend the setting. More details to follow.

W/C 28th October -Half term - Holiday club. No Nursery Educational Funding this week.

Thursday 31st October - Halloween party - please bring your child dressed up for this day.

WE WILL MISS YOU



On Tuesday 23rd July we held our annual school leavers party. This is a celebration of the time the children and families have spent with us and a way for us to say thank you for choosing Highwood Day Nursery and giving us the privilege of looking after your children. We would 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 on Saturday 7th December 2019 pop along to see us and visit Santa while you are here!



We are raising money for the crackerjacks children's trust on **Thursday 8th August** by having a **pirate and princess day** (£2 donation)



Parents /carers! Your child is truly amazing and throughout your child's life they will make some mighty significant steps on their journey of development. Together we would like to show the children how proud we all are of these moments and celebrate their individual achievements. These are what we call at nursery our **WOW** moments. So, if outside of nursery attendance your child has perhaps tried something new for the first time (food, drink, standing, walking, talking, using a potty), or maybe enjoyed a trip or activity please write down the **WOW** moment and hand it to your child's key person to put into your child's learning journey.. We will use your child's **WOW** moments as a focus for your child's interest in activities at nursery. *'Parents are children's first and most enduring educators. When parents and practitioners work together in Early Years settings the results have a positive impact on children's development and learning'*. Early Years Foundation Stage: Development Matters 2014



Jeans for Genes Day on Friday 20th 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 20th 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 www.jeansforgenesday.org/



Holiday Club Bookings We will be running a half term Big Kids Holiday Club from Monday 28th October to Friday 1st November. Please see Vicki or Aimee for details and places available. The club is for children who have started school 4 -6 year olds. Come and join in the fun at Highwood's Big Kids Club



National Grandparents day

W/C 7th October 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.



Calling all witches, goblins and ghouls it's time for a Halloween party on **Thursday 31st 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.



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.

Holiday's and absences Although Nursery attendance is not statutory, it is important for Parents/Carers to report their child's absence to Nursery on the first day. Nursery has to follow guidelines set out by the local authority regarding the regular attendance of all children. Please report all absences on our landline number 01283 565069



Mobile Phones

Just a reminder that to ensure the safety and welfare of all the children in our care we **MUST** ask that all parents, carers or anyone that collects or drops off your child, refrains from using their mobile phone whilst in the nursery setting.



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

playing on the front garden and running across the car park , these are the times when the car park is the busiest.

Parents and carers must not park at the side of the nursery building as this is for staff use only.

E-safety



The internet is an amazing thing. Children can play, learn and create and although young children may not be surfing the internet by themselves, we may find that by allowing them access to mobile phones and tablets they maybe unwittingly entering the world wide web sooner than it may be suitable for them too.

The children in preschool have had group time to share what they do at home on tablets/I pads and have learnt that if they see something on the screen they are unsure of to tell someone.

We would like to invite parents to take the opportunity to watch this short video with your child on how to keep your children safe online.

<https://www.childnet.com/resources/smartie-the-penguin>

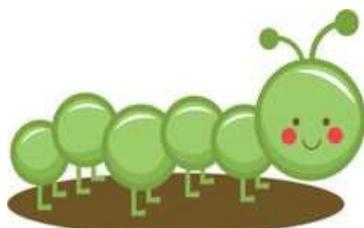
Transitions

We have new little faces joining the Caterpillar room in September and some of our older Caterpillars soon to turn 2 years old, will be moving downstairs to the butterfly room.

There are plenty of opportunities for settling downstairs in their new room and these start a couple of months before their 2nd birthday. A little visit with their key person for just a few minutes then builds to spending more time downstairs. Once they are ready to move they are familiar with the staff and their new environment.

News from the rooms.....

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. 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. 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

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 "Here is the beehive".

Here is the beehive.

But where are all the bees?

Hiding away where nobody sees.

Here they come flying out of their hive.

One, two, three, four, five!



The children in the caterpillar room have shown fascination with babies. With this in mind we have encouraged the older children in the room to develop role play and recreate care routines they have seen with the dollies. The children have enjoyed changing the dolls nappies, bathing them, putting them to bed, feeding them and taking them for walks in the pushchair.

Many of our parents have been kind enough to share some photos of familiar family members, pets and friends. These have been put on our family tree to allow the children to make links between home and nursery. They can also be used as a comforting tool and the children love to share them with the staff and their friends.

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 buckets and spades, hats and seaside pictures for the children to explore. 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.

We will be exploring the sand in the tuff spot and building sandcastles with the buckets and spades.

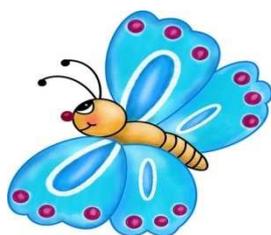
Over the next few months the caterpillars have lots to be keeping themselves busy at nursery. As we celebrate harvest in September the babies will be given the opportunity to explore different fruits from a Harvest treasure basket whilst the older children will also use different fruits and vegetables 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.

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.

Halloween

Halloween will also be creeping upon us and we plan to have a spooky party on Thursday 31st October which will involve lots of games and messy activities. Please come in your best Halloween outfit.

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.

Throughout August the children have been learning and talking about 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. 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.

Understanding the world: people and communities: 22-36 "enjoy pictures and stories about themselves , their families and other people, engages with small world models such as farm, garage or train track"

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 are going to do " five little ducks" this is one of the children's favourite songs at the moment. The

children will take part in gluing and sticking and painting activities their artwork will be used and displayed on the board. We will use props to help us sing the song and explore the ducks in different malleable play such as water, shaving foam and bubble bath.

Mathematics: numbers (22-36) " recites some numbers named in sequence"

Expressive arts and design: exploring and using media and materials (22-36) " joins in singing favourite songs"

The children will have the opportunity to explore our new role play area which will be a fruit and vegetable shop we will be implementing counting activities alongside the children as well as colours this experience will then be linked to harvest. We will extend children's learning through sharing with others. We will be having a little taste of the fruits and vegetables with the children to talk about likes and dislikes. Physical development: Health and self care (16-26) "develops and likes and dislikes"

Expressing Arts and design- Exploring using media and materials (22-36) "Experiments with blocks, colours and marks "

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 will be updating our family board, please could you send your family photos ... the children love to look at them . You are welcome to send them to us via email info@highwooddaynursery.co.uk .

In October we are going to be exploring mini beasts by taking part in messy sensory activities in soil. We will encourage the children to observe the bugs and label what they can see.

We will also be making lots of spooky pictures in time for Halloween and dressing up to celebrate in style. We are providing a range of messy activities for them to get involved in, as well to making artwork and making some sweet treats to bring home !

Expressive arts and design: exploring and using media and materials (22-36)-" experiments with blocks colour and marks"

Diwali- in celebration the children will be making beautiful lanterns to take home

Physical development: moving and handling (22-36)" shows control in holding and using jugs to pour, hammers , books and mark making tools"

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.



Craft week-w/c 22nd August

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 29th 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 2nd August the children are welcome to come in their superhero costumes and show us their special powers.



Pirate and princess week -w/c 5th 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. 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.



Sports week-w/c 12th 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 19th August

We are hoping the weather stays nice for us to imagine we are at the seaside by having fun so that they can really enjoy splashing in the water and building sandcastles. We will be making a delicious fruit cocktail where we can develop our knife control to cut the fruits and take home



Baking week- w/c 26th 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 !!

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.

This term we are encouraging the new younger children to begin recognising their own names - to help with this we will be making them a name peg which they will find each day as they come into nursery each child will have a drawer with the same picture as their peg. We are sure that our older children will remember and help the new starters with this. We will also be helping the children to sit together in small groups, listening to stories and joining in with songs and rhymes

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.

Continuing on with our mark making we will be exploring lots of materials we can make marks on indoors. We will be making circles and lines in the fairy dust, driving boats and cars through the sand, observing the different patterns the transport vehicles make. We will also

incorporated a knowledge of good hygiene practises into our mark making activity when we used tooth brushes with the tooth paste.

Literacy -30-50- Distinguishing marks they make

Our new role play area will be changing into a Dentist, we will be exploring the items based on first hand experiences we are hoping to get a visit from a Dentist to come and speak to the children but we will keep you updated when this will be happening.

EAD-30-50- "engages in imaginative role play based on first hand experiences"

Polly Parrot will be part of our home/school link developing our listening and attention listening to environmental sounds in the home and when the children are out and about.

CL-listening and attention-30-50- Listens to others one to one or in small groups, when conversation interests them

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.

hours of fun with a bucket of fallen apples from our very own tree, the children will be developing their hand eye co-ordination to cut and slice to make their own apple crumble.

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".

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 and using vegetable to cut using our knife control and creating alternate sequences.

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

Describes main story settings, events and principal characters.

World food day is the **Wednesday 16th October**. To take part in this, we will be doing some food tasting in the Ladybird room the children will have opportunities to try different types of foods that they may not have tried before from around the world.

We will be collecting food this week and taking it to the local food bank. This will provide an opportunity for the children to broaden their minds and develop knowledge and understanding of helping others in our local community.

Diwali " The Festival of Light" - Sunday 27th October ,We will be celebrating the festival of light by creating our own diya 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 commence 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.