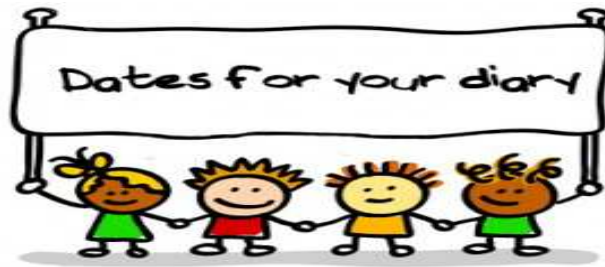


Welcome to Highwood Day Nursery Summer term newsletter we are approaching a very busy term., so we will start with some important dates for your diary.



Monday 2nd May - Bank Holiday - Nursery is closed

Monday 30th May - Bank Holiday - Nursery is closed

Monday 30th May - 3rd June - Half term No Funded children

Monday 13th June - Tempest Photography will be visiting pre-school for Highwood's leavers Graduation Photo's.

Tuesday 14th June - Father's Day week. All Dads are invited to join us for to stay and play at during this week. Please see your child's key person if you are able to join us.

Tuesday 21st June - Parents Evening 6.30 - 8.30

Tuesday 5th July - Graduation Party for Pre-School Leavers This will take place at nursery between 6.30 - 7.30pm for all of the Ladybirds going to school. The theme for this year's prom is 'Princess and Pirates'.

Friday 15th July - Last day of term

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 year funded children this week .

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



Holiday Club Bookings We will be running a half term Big Kids Holiday Club from Tuesday 31st May till Friday 3rd June. Then in the summer the club will run from Monday 25th July till Friday 2nd September. 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



Weather We would kindly ask that you send your child in appropriate clothing for when we are playing outdoors. As the weather gets warmer, 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 suncream 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.



Sainsbury's vouchers for Schools Thank you for all the vouchers which have been collected so far. If you have any more saved please pop them in our box, as these vouchers can then be exchanged for Early Years resources.



Tempest Photography will be visiting on the 13th June to take photographs for Highwood's leavers Graduation.



"Father's Day" Week During the w/c 14th June we shall be celebrating Father Day. **Pre-school children** ~ We would like to invite our Dad's/ Grandad's to come and join in the fun with your child and their friends. If you are able to spare half an hour to an hour in your busy day, please do not hesitate to talk to your child's key person. Do you like reading a good Story? Sport? Cooking? Gardening? We'd love you to join us. On Thursday we will be holding a Father's day afternoon tea with chunky sandwiches and homemade cakes and scones.



Lost Property Please ensure that all your children's belongings are named.



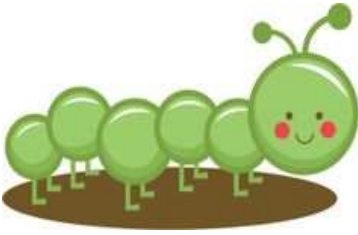
Diarrhoea and Vomiting If your child has been poorly they must not return to Nursery until 48 hours have passed since their last case of either sickness or diarrhoea. This guideline is set by the department of health to prevent the spread of illness between other children and staff. Please see our Sickness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



New Staff We would like to say a warm welcome to Amanda and Laura who have joined our team both fully qualified members of staff who have lots of experience in childcare.

The Highwood team would like to wish all the Ladybirds going on their big adventure to school in September all the best of luck- but we will miss you very much.





Caterpillars

Welcome to all our new caterpillars starting with us. We also wish our caterpillars turning 2 lots of luck as they move onto the next chapter in the Butterfly room.

We are continuing to create our wheels on the bus display for down the stairway. The caterpillars will be getting very messy, engaging in lots of different creative play to do this. Alongside this we will continue to sing the 'Wheels on the bus' with the children who love joining in with the actions and sounds. I'm sure you will have lots of fun doing this at home too! Please feel free to send in any photos you may have of your child travelling on a bus to include on the display. These can be sent over via email to info@highwooddaynursery.co.uk if this is an easier option.

As always we are also very grateful of any family photos you may wish to share with us to use on our 'Family Tree' display. The children love to look at photos and familiar faces, helping to develop their 'Understanding of the world - People & Communities'. Again these can be brought in or sent over via email.

Over the sunny summer months we hope to spend a lot more time outside with the Caterpillars so we ask that you please provide your child with appropriate clothing, sunhat, shoes and sun cream. Please can you ensure these are labelled to minimise any mix ups. The children will be able to explore lots of water and sand play outdoors to enjoy a beach theme. We will also be creating a lovely seaside display in the caterpillar room to show you all how much fun we have had!

Finally, for all you special Daddies out there we will be creating you something special for 19th June...but the rest is a secret!



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 who have recently moved into the Ladybird room.

The children have been learning about the changing 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 Spring Season by creating fluffy rabbits and chicks out of paper plates, Hand printed daffodils and tulips and free painted umbrellas for our very traditional April showers!!!!

During May we shall be exploring music & movement with ribbons to celebrate May Day as well as accessing the outdoors much more with the weather hopefully warming up.

Also in the month of May we will be planting sunflower seeds and learning how to care for plants whilst we will watch and measure how much they grow. We will also send home a pot with your child's sunflower in so that they can water and care for it at home. We would love you to send in pictures of your child with their fully grown sunflower. These can be sent over via email to info@highwooddaynursery.co.uk if this is an easier option.

Fathers Day is on June 19th so we will be getting very creative and messy producing something special for our daddies/special people in our lives - that is all we can say at the moment!

We will be up dating our story/rhyme display board with a "Old Macdonald display" as this is one of the children's favourite rhymes. This will be linked learning all about farmyards and animals. The children will be getting creative using a variety of media to make farm animals and enjoying small world play with animals and resources such as shredded wheat for hay bales and real straw for the pig sty, compost and grass for the other farm animals.

If your child is lucky enough to visit our local National Forest Adventure Farm or any other farm we love to add photos onto our display, these also can be sent via e.mail

In July we are hoping for sunny weather so we can talk about summer holidays and sun safety with the children. Again if you are off on your holidays please send us a postcard and holiday snaps for our new Summer Display board.

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

We would like to welcome Cara, Kyran, Scarlett, Archie.B, Archie.S and George hope they all settle in well and enjoy ladybird life.

This month the children will be looking at "Growing" and the process. The children have already planted beans and sunflowers they will be observing the lifecycle of a plant. Once the plants have grown the children will be measuring how tall they have grown and putting them in place order according to size. **(understanding the world, maths-shape, space and measure)**

This theme will be linked to Our new story "Jack and the beanstalk" **(literacy)**

In forest school we will be attempting to grow our very own runner bean teepee, which we hope will turn out great for the children to investigate and explore in the natural environment **(understanding the world)**

We have been busy exploring " Lifecycles and New life" enabling the children to develop their scissor control to cut out the individual pictures on worksheets and putting them in order in the occurrence when they happen. **(Physical)**

The children have already begun preparing the gardening area by weeding and adding fresh compost can be put in so we can begin growing our own onions, potatoes and radishes.

Once the produce has grown the children will be able to have a little taste of what they have grown themselves, this will also be linked to numbers - counting , grouping quantities -how many do we have? Encouraging the children to seek challenge in number problems **(mathematics)**

On Tuesday 31st May the ladybird children will be taking a visit into the local environment to the polish Supermarket this will link to Our new role play area " The greengrocers" they will have the opportunity to buy fruit and vegetables to bring back to nursery. This will extend their learning through numbers- counting how many of each and also looking at money, shapes and sizes as well as broadening their vocabulary " bigger and smaller" and discussing in group time about eating healthy.**(personal, social and emotional, understanding the world, mathematics-numbers, communication and language)**

Please could you have a look at home if you have any spare or unwanted kitchen utensils/saucepans etc that you no longer need as our children would like these to use in Our forest school. Please speak to Aimee or Lily who are more than happy to help.

Hopefully over the next few months the weather will be starting to get warmer please provide your child with labelled sun cream and sun hat to stay at nursery. We will be discussing with the children the importance of sun safety during group time.

We will be looking and speaking about holidays, enabling the children to create their own passports, luggage labels, postcards and holiday booking forms incorporating a travel agents into play allowing the children to discuss holiday experiences and explore looking at holiday brochures.

The children will be sorting out clothes suitable for hot and cold weather working together putting them into a suitcase **(personal, social and emotional)**

The ladybird children will be busy creating structures creating aeroplanes and other transport of which they travel on holiday.

There will be new finger gym activities putting the correct amount of pegs onto the sunshines creating rays -linking this to numbers 1-10.

Using the number lollipops-matching the number to the correct amount of quantity of dots **(physical, mathematics)**

Children leaving for school. Those of you that have children aged 3 and 4 and have made school applications for September 2016, will of received confirmation of your school place on 18th April 2016. Please let your key person know your child's new school when you find out. In the next few months staff will already be preparing documents ready for their transition, chatting to teachers and s for your child's move to school. We will also be holding a parents evening on 21st June so that you can look through the transition paperwork with your key person.

If you have any clothing that your child has borrowed please could you kindly return as Our stock is running low

Thankyou ☺