

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

Monday 1st May - Bank Holiday - Nursery is closed

Monday 29th May - Bank Holiday - Nursery is closed

Monday 29th May - 2nd June - Half term No Funded 2,3&4 year old children

Thursday 18th May - Tempest Photography will be visiting pre-school for Highwood's leavers Graduation Photos.

19th June - Father's Day week. All Dads are invited to join us to stay and play during this week. Please see your child's key person if you are able to join us.

Tuesday 4th July - Parents Evening 6.30pm - 8.20pm

Thursday 18th 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 21st July - Last day of term

Monday 24th July to Friday 2nd September -No funding for Nursery Educational Grant

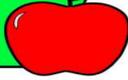
Monday 24th July to Friday 2nd September -Summer holiday club

Monday 28th August - Bank Holiday - Nursery is closed

Monday 28th August to 1st September - No THINK2 year funded children this week

Monday 4th September -Autumn term begins /Nursery Educational Grant recommences.

Parent Information



Medication



Could all parents please be aware that any prescribed medication, including asthma inhalers, must be brought into nursery in the named box that it was prescribed in, this is to ensure the correct dosage is given and following the update in the new **Statutory Early Years Framework 2017** that all prescription medicine must not be administered unless they have been prescribed for a child by a Doctor, Dentist, Nurse or Pharmacist. If you have any queries regarding this, please speak to your child's key person.

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 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.

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.

Mobile phone policy



Just a reminder! There is a mobile phone ban within nursery. This is at the request of Staffordshire Safeguarding Children's Board and we ask for your co-operation with regards to this. If your mobile rings in nursery, staff will ask you to take the call outside the premises, this is for the safety of all our children.



Staffing news

We have two new members of staff who have joined the Highwood team: Amber who is working towards her level 2 apprenticeship and Emma who is an experienced fully qualified member of staff, both young ladies are very nurturing and we welcome them both to the team. We are also very happy to welcome Jade back to Highwood.

Policies



We would like to inform parents that our main policies are displayed on the Parent's Notice Board, if you would like a paper copy they are available on request.



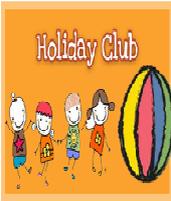
Photographer

The photographer will be in nursery on Thursday 18th May for Pre-school Graduation photographs from 9.30 am.



Opening hours

We would remind all parents that nursery opens at 7.00 am and closes at 6.15 pm, staff are asked not to admit children before 7.00 or have children on the premises after 6.15 as we are not covered on our insurance policy or our OFSTED registration. Parents are asked to arrive a few minutes before 6.15 pm to allow for feedback and departure before closing time. Parents who are continually late, will be charged a small fee as per our terms and conditions.



Holiday Club Bookings

We will be running a half term Big Kids Holiday Club from Tuesday 30th May till Friday 2nd June. Then in the summer the club will run from Monday 24th July till Friday 1st 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.

Father's Day



Week During the w/c 19th June we shall be celebrating Father's Day.

Pre-school children - We would like to invite our Dad's/ Grandads/carers 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 Tuesday we will be inviting our Daddy/ Grandad/ Carer to join us in Forest School for lots of fun and a tasty breakfast treat.

Highwood Day Nursery Car Park



We ask that all parents and visitors using our car park, park their vehicles with consideration to others.

Please keep your own children safe whilst in the car park by ensuring that they walk holding an adult's hand and do not run around or play in the car park or at the side of the nursery.

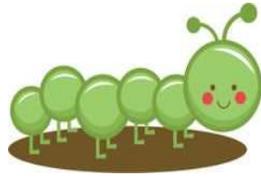
Please do not park at the side of the nursery as this is staff parking only.

Farwell to our school leavers!



The Highwood Team would like to wish all our children and families who are moving on to school and a new adventure, every success for the future. We will miss them all. If your child is leaving us this summer, could you please let us know their leaving date, this is to ensure all their transition records are ready to pass on to their new setting.

Caterpillar Room



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: Eliza, Alfie and Annabelle. We will be helping them to settle right in with lots of fun activities, and please remember members of staff are happy to discuss any concerns or requirements you may have.

Over the last and next few months, we have said goodbye to some of our older caterpillars who have moved into the Butterfly room: Oisin, Adam and Freddie. In the next few months Lucy, Neve, Thomas T and Thomas M will also be making the move to the Butterfly room, we will miss them very much and wish them lots of luck but know they will have so much fun!

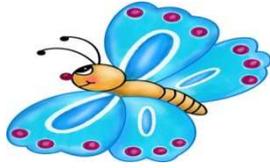
As we are approaching the warmer spring weather, we suggest bringing some lighter coats/jackets and sun hats for your children to wear when we play outside. The sun can also get quite hot during these next few months, so if you could bring in a sun hat and some sun cream that we can keep at nursery to ensure your child is protected on those sunny days.

May Day is our next bank holiday which is a traditional spring holiday in many cultures. Dances, singing, and cake are usually part of the celebrations that the day includes. Therefore, in the week leading up to May Day we will have lots of fun doing some physical activities such as moving to music and encouraging the babies to express themselves through dance and actions. We will also be making mini maypoles with the babies to take home.

Father's day is the 18th June, all of our babies will be making some special gifts and cards in the week leading up to it for their very special Daddys, Grandads and Carers.

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.

Butterflies



Firstly we would like to welcome all of the children that have come into the Butterfly Room. We hope you have lots of fun and enjoy your time with us. Good luck to our butterflies that are now joining the ladybird room.

With some children that are currently potty training can we please ask kindly that you pack plenty of spare changes of clothes including pants and socks. Thank-you 😊

As the warmer weather is approaching we would like to ask parents begin putting sunhats and sun cream into their child's bag to enable us to enjoy the outdoor area.

2 Year old progress checks The Early Years Foundation Stage requires that all settings carry out a progress check on all children when they reach 2 years old, this is to be completed for parents to share with their health visitor at the 2 year old health and development review. We are therefore asking all parents to let us know as soon as they receive the date when this will be taking place, this will allow us to complete our progress check on time. Thank you.

May

We will be celebrating May Day creating colourful pictures using a range of materials and discussing different colours and textures encouraging language.

The children will be using ribbons and scarves to dance with whilst listening to music.

E.A.D: Exploring media and materials 16-26 months "notices and is interested in the effects of making movements which leave marks "

We are going to be updating our 10 tiny tadpoles display board and changing it into "We're going on a bear hunt", as this is one of the children's favourite stories. The children will create art work that will be displayed onto the board to link with different parts of the story. We will be taking the children on adventure outdoors to explore long wavy grass and thick oozy mud to see if we find a bear!!!

The children will have the opportunity to explore a range of natural materials outdoors this will encourage the children using describing words when using their senses to touch and feel.

E.A.D- Exploring media and materials : 30-50 months " beginning to be interested in and describe the texture of things"

Literacy- Reading : 16-26 months " interested in book and rhymes and may have favourites"

June

As Fathers day approaches the children will be getting creative making crafts for their loved ones. Linking to this we will be talking about families and special occasions at home.

Understanding the world: people and communities 22-36 months " has a sense of own immediate family and relations"

With the season changing into summer on 21st June we will be discussing the changes of the new season and changing our free flow area into a beach theme where the children can explore sand and water. To link with this we will be learning about sun safety and how to keep cool and safe when playing outdoors in the sun.

The children will have lots of opportunities to take part in summer activities where they will be making tasty treats and getting creative.

Understanding the world: the world : 22-36 months - " notices detailed features of objects in their environments"

Throughout July many children and families will be going on holidays we will be discussing different holidays and transportation.

We would like parents to bring in photographs or send them to us via email info@highwooddaynursery.co.uk so we can add these to our summer display.

Understanding the world: people and communities: 16-26 months " enjoy pictures and stories about themselves , their families and other people"

The role play area will be changing into a "Mini Explorers" corner where children can dress up, look at summer themed items. E.A.D: being imaginative : 22-36 "beginning to make believe by pretending"

The children will be attempting to use a bat and ball developing their hand eye co-ordination this is to celebrate Wimbledon. We will also be busy tasting strawberries and other fruits discussing our likes and dislikes P.D : healthy and self care: 16-26 months " develops own likes and dislikes to food and drink

Ladybird Room



A big Warm Welcome to all our new starters hope you all settle in well and enjoy ladybird life ☺also big welcome to Alice who has recently joined us in the Ladybird room.

We are continuing looking at the very hungry caterpillar story as part of our spring theme. The role play area will be changed into a supermarket, the children will be discovering fruit and vegetables using our senses to touch and feel. We will be developing our hand eye co-ordination using knives to cut them up into pieces to discover what is inside and looking at quantity to see how many pieces/slices they can make. **Maths-Number 30-50 Separates a group of three or four objects in different ways, beginning to recognise that the total is still the same.**

We are hoping to take the children to the local shop with a shopping list this opportunity will enable the children to speak and recognise colour, shape, size and quantity. **Maths -shape, shape and measure 30-50-Shows awareness of similarities of shapes in the environment.**

Wednesday May 24th is Polish Mothers day. The children will have the opportunity to draw a picture of their Mummy/ Grandma or carer as well as decorating and creating a card to be sent home.

The children will be busy planting their own fruits and vegetables, they will become involved in the growing process showing an interest and understanding of what is needed to make them grow. **Understanding the world-the world 30-50- Developing an understanding of growth, decay and changes over time.**

At the top of our garden the children will be creating their own runner bean teepee, and overtime they will be investigating the height using tape measures. The children will be encouraged to use maths language e.g Taller, Shorter. **Maths shape space measure 30-50 - Order two or three items by length or height.**

Continuing with planting and growing the children will be making their own cress heads. They will use the cress to make cress sandwiches developing hand eye co-ordination spreading butter onto their bread using a knife. **Physical-moving and handling 30-50 Uses one-handed tools and equipment, e.g. makes snips in paper with child scissors.**

Ladybird children will be inviting their Daddys , Grandads, carers to join them on Tuesday 20th June for forest school. They will be making delicious bacon sandwiches on an open fire if you able to attend please let a member of the Ladybird team know.

We will be providing a school linked display enabling the school leavers to become familiar with school logos, uniform and incorporating themed stories getting the children ready for school and their taster days. **Understanding the world-people and communities 30-50 Remembers and talks about significant events in their own experience. Recognises and describes special times or events for family or friends. Shows interest in different occupations and ways of life.**

3rd-16th July is Wimbledon the children will be developing their hand eye co-ordination using bats and balls, and making strawberry skewers which they can enjoy at snack time with their friends.

Graduation ball is on Thursday 18th July 6.30-7.30 the theme is "princess and pirates" this is for the children who are attending school in September. If your child is leaving us this summer, could you please let us know their leaving date, this is to ensure all their transition records are ready to pass on to their new setting. Thank you