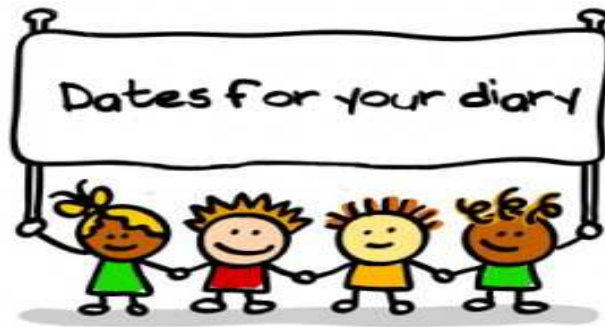


Welcome to Highwood Day Nursery autumn newsletter we are approaching a very busy half term, so we will start with some important dates for your diary.



Monday 3rd September -Autumn term begins /Nursery Educational Funding (NEF) recommences.

Friday 21st September- Jeans for genes day (£2 donation). All children and staff are invited to wear their jeans.

Wednesday 3rd October -World animal day, bring your little one dressed up in an animal themed costume or animal print clothing

Tuesday 9th October - Grandparents Day. We will be holding special events this week for Grandparents to attend the setting. More details to follow.

W/C 29th October - Half term - Holiday club. No Nursery Educational Funding this week.

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

WE WILL MISS YOU



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... pop along to see us and visit Santa while you are here!



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 complete one of our Wow moment cards and hand it to your child's key person for us to display on our WOW Moments board. 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 21st 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 21st 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 29th October to Friday 2nd 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 8th 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.



Tempest Photography

Will be visiting on the Wednesday 17th 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. The photographs will be back in time for Christmas



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



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.



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.

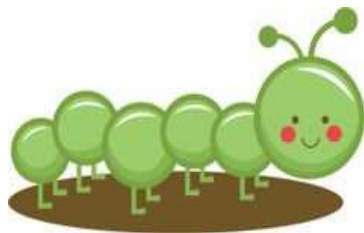


Car park When dropping off and collecting your child from nursery please keep a close eye on your child as it has been brought to our attention some children are playing on the front garden and running across the car park , these are the times when the car park is the busiest.

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

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 "5 little ducks".

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 wooden 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.

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 week

We are inviting our grandparents to the nursery to join in with Kimbles music and movement session on Thursday 11th October 9.30am-10.00am. Please let us know if your child's Grandparents can attend.

Halloween

Halloween will also be creeping upon us and we plan to have a spooky party on Wednesday 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.

We are introducing a colour table in the room, which will display items/ objects of a colour, we will have a colour of the month, therefore, there will be new objects on the table each month representing the new colour..... Our first colour is yellow

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. 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 and summer fruits!! 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"

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

To celebrate Grandparents week the butterfly children would like to invite their Grandparents for a stay and play session. If you would like arrange a convenient time please speak to a member of staff

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"**

In October - Our colour of the month is Red.

We are going to be getting very creative with the children to update our book corner , we are going to do " five little men in a flying saucer" 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.

Mathematics: number(22-36) recites some number names in sequence

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 make artwork celebrating the festival.

We will be 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"

Ladybirds



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

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.

Please look at the whiteboard on a weekly basis which will keep you updated which words they will be learning in French with Anais and the activities we shall be implementing at forest school with the children - please can suitable clothing e.g welly boots be bought in for the children when its wet outdoors.

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.

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

Tuesday 9th October, 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.

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".

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 **Tuesday 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.

Halloween week commence 29th 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.