

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 6<sup>th</sup> May** - Bank Holiday - Nursery is closed

**Monday 27<sup>th</sup> May** - Bank Holiday - Nursery is closed

**Monday 27<sup>th</sup> May - 31<sup>st</sup> May** - Half term Nursery Education Funding children

**Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> May** - Saul Photography will be visiting Highwood Day Nursery.

**16<sup>th</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> July** - Parents Evening 6.30 - 8.20

**Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> 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 'Rainbows'.

**Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July** - Last day of term


**Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> July to Friday 30<sup>th</sup> August** -No funding for Nursery Educational Grant

**Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> July to Friday 30<sup>th</sup> August** -Summer holiday club


**Monday 26<sup>th</sup> August** - Bank Holiday - Nursery is closed

**Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 is not administered unless it has 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.

## Sickness

We cannot stress strongly enough that sick children must be kept at home please. A poorly child doesn't cope well with the bustle of the nursery and the spread of infection is significantly increased. We are sure everyone would recognise that this is something we would all want to avoid. What may not be quite so obvious is the major impact this has on the health of the entire staff team. This is something Highwood depends on completely, not only for 'bright eyed and bushy tailed' practitioners but also for the place to open every morning!


There appears to be quite a few 'bugs' around at the moment and so your understanding is much appreciated.

## 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 in hot weather. 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.

## 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.

### **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.



*Just a friendly reminder...*

**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.

### **Photographer**



The photographer will be in nursery Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> May 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 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.

### **Holiday Club Bookings**



We will be running a Big Kids Holiday Club in the summer which will run from Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> July till Friday 30<sup>th</sup> August. Please see Vicki or Aimee for details and places available. The club is for children who have started school. Come and join in the fun at Highwood's Big Kids Club

### **Father's Day**

Week During the w/c 16th June we shall be celebrating Fathers Day.



Pre-school children - We would like to invite our Dads/ 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.

### 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 adults hand and do not run around or play in the car park or at the side of the nursery or on the front garden.

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



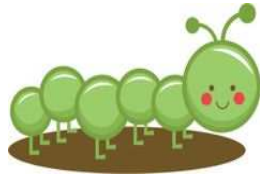
### Farwell to our school leavers!

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.

Thank you



## 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. 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, 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.

We have been busy creating our summer display using a variety of craft materials and mark making which can be seen in the caterpillar room.

With the changing of season we will be exploring the garden and planting seeds in a pot for the caterpillars to watch grow. The caterpillar will be using the scoops to fill the containers with soil.

**Mathematics-16-26- shape, space and measure-enjoys filling and emptying containers**

We will be updating our treasure basket into "summer" for the children to explore enabling them to look at the new season.

We have created our new displays on the stairs so keep an eye out for our exciting artwork- we have chosen to display one of our favourite songs "Walking through the Jungle"

With the warmer weather approaching we will be making the most of the outdoor activities including the water and paint brushes to create marks in the outdoor area and using different materials to make marks and notice the effects of their movements. **E.A.D-16-26- "Notices and is interested in the effects of making movements which leave marks"**

The older caterpillars will be exploring the grass and wooden area and will be collecting natural resources to explore. We will be putting them in a tuff spot to use our bodies to experiment with the resources in a range of ways-banging, tapping, scrunching and filling the containers

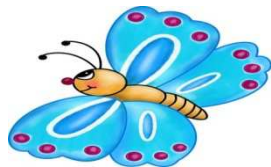
Understanding the world 8-20-"becomes absorbed in combining objects e.g banging two objects or placing objects into a container

We will be talking about "The farm", we will be using the sensory trays and different materials.

E.A.D-8-20- "Explores and experiments with a range of media through sensory exploration"

Father's day is the 16th June so all of our babies will be making some special gifts and cards in the week leading up to it for their very special Daddies, Grandads and Carers.

## Butterflies



Now that we have planted sunflower seeds we are going to continue look after them, watering them every day and watching how they grow, we will be talking to the children what else we need for seeds to grow

Understanding the world-the world-22-36- "notices detailed features of objects in their environment "

To celebrate May Day we are going to be creative by sticking long colourful pieces of tissue paper to cardboard tubes and making them sparkle with glitter, these will represent maypoles which we will use when dancing 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 construction display board, therefore we will be going to get creative using the different construction to print marks on paper using a variety of colours. We will be talking about what we can build with construction

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

To celebrate the Queen's Birthday we will be busy making sparkly crowns and enjoying a tea party outdoors.

With the season changing into summer 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 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.

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

We would also kindly ask if all parents and carers to send some family photographs to add to our family wall, not only is it nice to have them on our wall we can use them to promote children's development as we can speak to them about their family and other people close to them- this will also link to Father's day as we will be getting busy making something for those we love, and talking about them at circle time.

**Understanding the world: people and communities: 16-26 months "enjoy pictures and stories about themselves , their families and other people, is curious about people and shows interest in stories about themselves and their family."**

## Ladybird room



A big Warm Welcome to all our new starters who have transitioned from the butterfly room, we hope you have lots of fun continuing your learning journey with us.

School Placements: If your child is going to school this September, school placements will of been announced mid April! Please let us know the school your child will be attending. We will be producing a going to school display linked to school readiness to help your child to transition on their new adventure.

The children will be celebrating may day decorating kitchen rolls with colourful crepe paper streamers to make their own maypole. The children will be given opportunities to look at visual aids to look at maypoles and maypole dancing.



We will be growing sunflowers with the children to send home eventually. We will practice measuring how tall our sunflowers are using tape measures and rulers, comparing heights and observing.

The children will be experimenting using small cups, damp cotton wool, to grow their own cress, we will also be growing more in tights to make own cress heads. We will then examine which process is better and which way the cress grew faster. The children will be using their hand eye co-ordination to cut the cress and develop knife control making a sandwich to take home. **Physical-moving and handling 30-50 "Uses one-handed tools and equipment, e.g. makes snips in paper with child scissors."**

Our role play area will be the garden centre, looking at textures and labelling what they see, using visual aids to match together. We will be discussing processes, growth and time.

**Understanding the world-the world-30-50- Developing an understanding of growth, decay and changes over time.**

Sunday May 26<sup>th</sup> is Polish Mothers day- during the week the children will have the opportunity to draw a picture of their Mummy/ Grandma or carer as well as having the opportunity to decorate a card to be sent home.

8<sup>th</sup> June is Queen Elizabeths birthday, we will be making crowns , Union Jack flags, and cucumber sandwiches .... yummy!!

As part of children's interests and conversations with some of our lovely parents we will be talking about planets, we will be making our own paper mache planets as well as implementing fun intergalactic activities with our preschool children . We will be looking at the story " Alien tea on planet zum zee " , using shapes to construct our own rockets and creating our own little men in flying saucers to support singing time together in a group. The children will be able to look at visual aids and the planet names will be translated in polish to extend their learning. **Literacy -reading-30-50-"Listens to stories with increasing attention and recall. Describes main story settings, events and principal characters"**

**Understanding 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.**

June 16<sup>th</sup> Fathers day and 23<sup>rd</sup> June -Polish Fathers day

Ladybird children will be inviting their Daddies , Grandads, carers to join them for a stay and play - come and join in the fun ! Please speak to Aimee or Vicki to arrange suitable times.



In preparation for school there will be a range of activities in the hope of getting the children familiar with the next phase of their learning journey: We will be providing a school linked display enabling the school leavers to become familiar with their school logos and uniform; incorporating themed stories getting them ready for school and school taster days where the children will have the opportunity to become familiar with their new surroundings. The role play area will also be changed into a school using our imaginations and daily routine.

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."

1<sup>st</sup> -14<sup>th</sup> 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.

We will be talking about holidays, we will be looking at maps, atlas and holiday brochures discovering places that are hot and cold!!

We will be junk modelling using large boxes to create our own junk model transport

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"

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For a breakdown what the children have planned for the week ahead don't forget to look at our whiteboard which is based just opposite Ladybird entrance door !!