

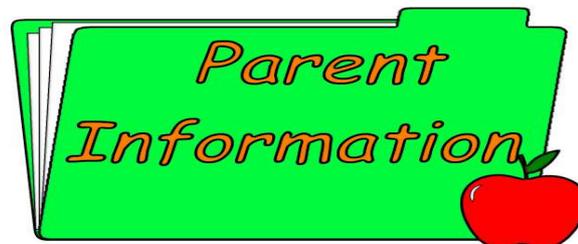
Welcome to Highwood Day Nursery Summer term newsletter, we will start with some important dates for your diary.

**Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> June** - Last day of term

**Wednesday 1st July until the beginning of September** -No funding for Nursery Educational Grant

**Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> July to Friday 28<sup>th</sup> August** -Summer holiday club

**Monday 31<sup>st</sup> August** - Bank Holiday - Nursery is closed



## 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.





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.

Holiday Club



### Holiday Club Bookings

We will be running a Big Kids Holiday Club in the summer. The club will run throughout the summer holiday. Please see Vicki or Aimee for details and places available. The club is for children who have started school 4 to 5 year olds. Come and join in the fun at Highwood's Big Kids Club

**Happy Fathers Day to all of our Daddies/Grandads and Carers.** We hope that you have a lovely day ☺



### Farwell to our school leavers!

**School Placements:** If your child is going to school this September, school placements were announced mid April! Please can 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. This will enable the school leavers to become familiar with school logos, uniform, incorporating themed stories & getting the children ready for school. The role play area will also be changed into a school using our imaginations and daily routine.

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





## Covid19

### **Car Park**

Please do not park at the side of the nursery as this is a designated area to wait safely to enter the nursery whilst social distancing.

Thank you for your co-operation.

### **Transition Tips**

We know that you may be concerned about returning to nursery but we wanted to share some tips with you that will help both you and your child get back into nursery life.

1. Reflecting on the nursery, so children can look back at the fun times they had with their friends and the Highwood Team.
2. Practicing continuous hand washing whilst singing nursery rhymes and talking about the importance of this.
3. Discussing with them about the Highwood Team collecting them from the door, for pre-school children this can be related to when they go to big school.
4. Avoid saying "We know you are going to be scared". Say something more positive like "Remember when you did this at nursery and it was lots of fun".
5. Avoid saying "Mummy/Daddy can't come in with you today". Say something like "Right then (child's name) Mummy's going to race you to wave at the window ready, steady, go!" The Highwood Team will do all they can to ensure you and your children are fully supported during this time.

Positive outcomes for all children are our main priority and we are committed to ensuring that despite the current situation we find ourselves in, we continue to provide the highest quality childcare possible.

Highwood's caring and committed practitioners will support you and your children through the transition back to nursery. Should anything happen that requires communication on our part, please rest assured we will get in touch with you as soon as we are able. As always, we never underestimate the support of our parent/carers and would like to thank you for your unwavering positive support. Assuring you of our best intentions at all times .....The Highwood Team

We are continuing to show the children the importance of washing their hands regularly, if you could continue to practice this at home we would really appreciate it.

Here are the words of the song the children have been singing to help them when washing their hands to keep the germs away.....



### **Our Washing Hand Song**

#### Wash Your Hands with

#### Super Soap

*(to the tune of Twinkle Twinkle)*

*Over, under, round and through,  
Don't forget to add soap too.*

*Clean, clean, clean and then you'll know,  
Down the sink the germs will go.*

*Over, under, round and through,  
Don't forget to dry them too.*



### **Summer fun at Highwood**

Firstly we would like to give a big warm welcome back to all of our children, we hope that you have all enjoyed doing exciting activities with your family.....

We would like parents to send photographs of their child so that we can reflect on their summer activities/achievements/milestones at home. Please send them to us via email [info@highwooddaynursery.co.uk](mailto:info@highwooddaynursery.co.uk) so we can add these to your child's Learning Journey.

As the children have had a long period of time at home from us we will be implementing lots of settling in activities linked to their current interests.

We will be helping them to settle right back in with having lots of fun ☺

Please remember members of staff are happy to discuss any concerns or requirements you may have.

Father's day is the 21<sup>st</sup> June and Polish Fathers Day is 23<sup>rd</sup> June all of our children will be making some special gifts and cards in the week leading up to it for their very special Daddies, Grandads and Carers.

With the season changing into summer we will be discussing the changes of the new season. To link with this we will learning about sun safety and how to keep cool and safe when playing outdoors in the sun.

We will be planting and growing in our new outdoor garden area.....

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 Pre children will be experimenting using small cups, damp cotton wool, to grow their own cress, we will be growing more in tights making their own cress heads and examine which process is better and which way the cress grows quickly. 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.**