



New Term

Dear Parents,

Thank you for supporting us as your children settled into Nursery School. You all did a great job of preparing the children for school. We all understand that this can be a very difficult time if children are distressed but fortunately the children are all happily getting used to the routines.



Security

Thank you for remembering to keep the gates closed. We appreciate your help in keeping the children safe. Please remember that we close the door at 8.35am and 12.35pm **promptly** and if the red door is closed you will need to enter through the main entrance in Horrell Road.

This is vital in keeping your children safe and secure. May we remind you that the gate **must not** be left open for parents who are close to, but not yet at the gate.

Installation of a new security gate is almost complete. This is between the main gate on Horrell Road and the entrance to the building. If you arrive late a member of staff will open the gate for you. This provides us with an even greater level of security.

Whilst you enter the Nursery with your child any member of staff at the door will care for younger children in pushchairs. This avoids the need to take them out of the pushchair. Please 'park' the pushchair close to the door but not blocking the entrance.

Thank you.

Empty pushchairs should not be left at the door but should be parked in the buggy shelter.

Attendance & Punctuality

Thank you all for bringing your children to school on time each day. We understand that it can be difficult to get three year-olds here on time and we appreciate the efforts you have made.

We are judged by OFSTED on our attendance figures and we also feel that good routines are essential. For the children, missing the start of sessions also affects their learning and their opportunity to be chosen as a helper and other chances to develop social skills.

Thank you, too, for contacting us if your child is unwell. It is essential that we have this information. We will be putting a small fob in your child's drawer which will give you the school contact details.



School Uniform

The children all look lovely in their new uniform. Thank you.

Unfortunately, when all the children take off their coats we have a real problem with matching the coat to the child when their coats aren't named. Please may we ask you to name all uniform, jumpers, polo shirts and coats particularly.

School Fund

Several parents have paid their School Fund for the entire school year or for a term. We are grateful to parents for this contribution and are happy to accept payments weekly, half-termly, termly or yearly.

Thank you also to the parents who have made large single contributions to the school or additional weekly payments. These are very much appreciated.

School fund enables us to provide all the little things that we would not be able to do otherwise. So far this year we have bought bread and spreads for toast on some mornings, bought dough ingredients, bulbs for planting activities and much more. Thank you for all your support.



**Look out
for Parent
Governor
application
forms after
half term!**

Forest School & Learning Journeys Workshop

We would like to invite you to a short workshop where we will explain how Learning Journeys are put together and how you may contribute. We will also be showing you our Forest School and what we will be teaching the children during Forest School sessions. We hope that you are able to join us on Thursday. The sessions will start at 10.00am for parents of children with a morning place and at 2.00pm for the afternoon session.

Autism Education Trust

Thank you for supporting us during the filming for AET. The Nursery footage will be included in training materials for settings across the country. We will keep you updated with any news about the release of the training materials as some clips may be on their website. This has been a great experience for us, if somewhat terrifying, so thank you to all of you for your support.

The Resource Base

~~Last week, the Resource Base underwent a Quality Assurance which looks at all aspects of the provision. The outcome of this seemed to be very favourable but we are awaiting a report which we will summarise and send out to parents after the holiday.~~

Swimming

We have begun to take children from the Resource Base to the swimming baths and it has been a huge success. We plan to take a few children initially but hope to take the Nursery children at some point in the future. Details will follow.

Policies

Please find enclosed a reply slip asking you to confirm that you have received the Parental Involvement, Behaviour and Attendance Policies given to you at the Parents' Induction Meeting. ~~Please complete and return. Thank you.~~





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Harvest Donations

Thank you for supporting us as we collect food for Harvest celebrations. We will donate any food collected to the elderly residents in the area. If you know of someone who would benefit from a small parcel of food please complete the slip attached to the harvest letter and return it to a member of staff.

Parents Consultations

You will shortly be given details of your child's first week in school and their initial assessment details. We also look forward to Parents' Consultations during the first week after the half term holiday. We offer day time and evening appointments and details will follow.

Forest School

The children will begin Forest School sessions shortly. The dates for this are below:

Green & Red ~ Wednesday 6th & 13th November 2013

Blue & Yellow ~ Wednesday 20th & 27th November 2013

**Warm clothes &
Wellies on these
days please!**

Starting Primary School

You will shortly receive information direct to your homes from the Local Authority about school preferences for next year. It seems a long way away but the time goes very quickly and this information is required before Christmas. All the information you need to complete the form will be sent to you but if you need any guidance or further advice please ask a member of staff. If you have recently moved house the information may fail to reach you and in those cases we will be able to advise you.

