



# Newsletter Newsletter



February 2018

## Teaching and Learning

Welcome back, we hope that you enjoyed your February half term break. As always the planning is displayed outside each of the three Nursery classrooms. You can also find copies on our website. This will explain to you what activities we are doing and how this supports your child's learning.

Teachers plan 'adult focused' activities for small groups and individuals to support particular learning outcomes. Practitioners work in partnership with children, skillfully and sensitively interacting to support and develop their learning. We also have copies of the rhyme of the week for you to take home and enjoy with your child. Our core story for this half term is 'Duck in a truck' by Jez Alborough. We will have lots of accompanying texts such as 'We all go travelling by', 'Who sank the boat?', and 'Mr Gumpy's outing'. There will be an accompanying theme of maps and journeys. The role play areas may play host to travel agents or a ticket office to inspire language, creativity and imaginative play.

Please feel free to contribute to your child's Record of Achievement - please let us know what you have been doing at home - photographs and mementos are welcome. Email photographs and a description to [office@hirstwoodnsc.co.uk](mailto:office@hirstwoodnsc.co.uk) and we will print them out for children to talk about in class and put in their Record.

Consultations for parents/carers of all children will be available over the coming weeks. A timetable will be placed outside each classroom for you to select the time that is most convenient for you. For your records, the available dates and times are below:

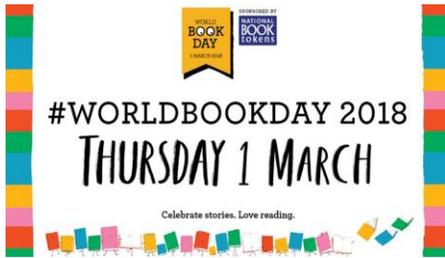
<b>Nursery 1</b>	Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> March	3.30 - 5.00
Jenny	Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> March	3.30 - 5.00

<b>Nursery 2</b>	Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> March	3.30 - 5.00
Jan	Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> March	3.30 - 5.00

<b>Nursery 3</b>	Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> March	3.30 - 5.00
Ian	Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> March	3.30 - 5.00

If you are unable to make any of the dates offered, please speak to the class teacher who will attempt to offer another time. This is an invaluable opportunity to share your child's Record of Achievement whilst also celebrating the progress that your child has made during their time with us.

We are also sharing our Learning Reviews and 'where are we now and what can we achieve next?' forms on a weekly basis (on rotation of 4 children each week per class). Please let us have your feedback about how your child is at home, any particular interests that they have and any new skills that they have learnt. We want to work in partnership with to personalise learning as much as possible so that each and every child succeeds.



## World book day Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> March

We have something special planned this year. Our theme is owls. We have been lucky enough to have Sharon Snaylam, artist working with children to produce their own representations of owls using withies and also masks. On Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> March we have an owl visitor to both schools in the morning and then in the afternoon we will parade from Hirst Wood Nursery School around to Saltaire Primary School. We will be joined by Saltaire Primary School and a musician, Shrikant who has written a rap for us to sing-a-long to. We will provide an exact timetable next week if parents would like to join us or observe the parade. Each child will receive a £1 book token. On the day feel free to dress up as your favourite book character or wear pyjamas for a bedtime story.

### Coffee mornings and parent information sessions

Thank you to everyone who completed and returned the questionnaires, it's great to have your feedback and ideas on how to develop what we do. In response to some parental requests, we are pleased to offer termly coffee mornings for parents / carers / grandparents to join us for tea, coffee, biscuits and an informal opportunity to talk about the wonderful teaching and learning that happens every day at Nursery. Unfortunately we don't have the space to offer you the opportunity to join us at lunchtime, but we hope that you can join us for a drink, chat and biscuits. The dates are:

Nursery 1	Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> March	9.00 - 10.00
Nursery 2	Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> March	9.00 - 10.00
Nursery 3	Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> March	9.00 - 10.00

## EYFS parents workshops

Workshops are being held on the following dates from 2.30 to 3.00 in the Gallery with Ian Tohill.

Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> February	Speech and language development
Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup> February	Personal, social & emotional development
Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> March	Physical development
Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> March	The promotion of early reading skills
Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> March	The promotion of early writing skills

There is no need to book a place, just turn up - we look forward to seeing you. Drop in to learn more about how we promote teaching and learning and how you can help at home.



### Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> March - chocolate tombola

We will hold a chocolate tombola in Reception on the last Wednesday. All donations gratefully received. £1.00 per strip of tickets and every 5 and 0 wins a prize. Come along and see if you can win some chocolate treats to enjoy over the Easter break.



School closes for Easter on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> March.  
We have a training day on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> March.

School re-opens on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> April.  
Happy holidays!