



# Newsletter Newsletter



June 2017

## Teaching and Learning

This is the last half term for some children and we will be supporting their transition to new settings. Many staff from Primary Schools come to visit children at Hirst Wood to make the process as positive as possible. This is an exciting time for both children and parents, and we wish every child the best of luck in their new setting.

**N1 - 'space'** - will be explored through the new small world imaginative resources including rockets and aliens for children to create stories, characters and dialogue. This will be consolidated through books such as 'Aliens love underpants' and songs 'five little men in a flying saucer'. Let's see where the half term takes us ..... to infinity and beyond!!

**N2 and N3 - 'growth, change and development'** - children will look at both fiction and non-fiction texts such as the 'The Hungry Caterpillar', 'Jack and the beanstalk' and 'Pezzettino' to extend their knowledge and understanding of growth and change - both of living things and themselves as humans. Lifecycles will be explored as children plant seeds (beans, cress and sunflowers) and observe our caterpillars change into butterflies. Children will be encouraged to consider how they have grown and developed and refined their repertoires of skills.

## Have your say .....

Children who are leaving us will have a summative report for parents to share with us in celebrating their achievements. We would like to invite you to let us know your views on the quality of services that we offer, how effectively we communicate and your overall level of satisfaction. If you could spare the time to complete a parents evaluation sheet so that we can continue to improve and develop our provision for children and families.

## Leavers' celebrations



We have planned two picnic lunches for **all** the children to attend. These are scheduled for Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> (Monday to Wednesday children) and Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> July (Wednesday pm to Friday children). If your child attends morning or afternoon sessions in Nursery 3, we would like to ask your child to join us on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup>. Morning children will have lunch and then leave at 12.00 as normal but we would ask afternoon children to come at 11.30 so that all children can eat together. The cost of the picnic lunch is £1.45 per child - please order at Reception and let us know if your child has any specific dietary requirements. The picnic lunch usually consists of a cheese sandwich, home-made biscuit, fruit and a carton of juice. We have booked the sunshine and will have music outside to create a fun and memorable day.

## Leavers' consultations

Please look out for the timetables for leavers' consultations outside your child's classroom. 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. Please see the class teacher if you are unable to attend any of the scheduled appointments

## LENDING LIBRARY

For all those children who are leaving us, could you please check whether you have any books that should be returned to the lending library so that other children can continue to enjoy the range of books that we have. Also if you could return any unwanted Hirst Wood book-bags that would be much appreciated. Thank you.



## Car park

Due to limited space in the car park we can only make it available to staff and parents of children who have disabilities / additional needs or parents who have disabilities themselves and will be issuing parking permits. We appreciate that parking is an issue at many schools but would ask that you park considerately and safely and thank you for cooperation in helping us maintain the safety of children and families.

## Birthday celebrations

In order to promote healthy eating we request that you don't bring in sweets or cakes to celebrate birthdays in school. If you feel that you would like to bring a treat, could we suggest fruit or raisins please.

## One Britain One Nation day - Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2017

OBON wants to utilise the strength of all our people to build a proud nation where everyone has a strong shared sense of belonging and aspires to play an important role in the life of our nation, the future for our children. On this day children are encouraged to wear red, white and blue to join in.



### Headteacher retirement

After 5 years at Hirst Wood, Chris Martin is retiring at the end of term in July. The staff and Governors would like to mark this occasion with a gift to say thank you - if you would like to make a contribution, please hand in your donation to Reception. Thank you.

Please check out our new website at [www.hirstwoodnsc.co.uk](http://www.hirstwoodnsc.co.uk)

### Dates to remember .....

Fluoride varnish authorisation session

Wed 5<sup>th</sup> July

Fluoride varnish application session

Wed 12<sup>th</sup> July

(Once you have signed your authorisation form it isn't necessary for you to be on-site for the application, this will be undertaken during the normal Nursery sessions in class groups.)

We close for the summer holidays on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> July.

We wish you a happy summer holiday and our very best wishes for those children who leave us to go to Primary School.



We re-open for returning children on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> September until Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> October; Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October is a training day. Happy holidays everyone.