



# Newsletter Newsletter



June 2019

## Teaching and Learning

Welcome back, this is our last half term this academic year and we have so many wonderful things planned for children and parents to enjoy.

We have some staff changes planned for September. Jackie Cooper (was Grant) retires after many years of service at Hirst Wood. We wish Jackie the very best of luck and thank her for all her hard work and dedication to the children and families that she has worked with. Ann McKerchar also leaves us and many thanks to Ann for the wonderful experiences that she has planned for the children in Hawthorn.

Many children will leave us to take up their Primary School places in September and we have lots of visits from the schools to support a positive transition. We work in partnership with other schools to share our knowledge of your child and their personal characteristics to ensure that they have a happy and secure move to their new setting.

We offer consultations for all leaving children and the dates and times are:

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| Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> July    | 3.45 – 4.45 |
| Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> July    | 3.45 - 4.45 |
| Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> July   | 3.45 – 6.30 |
| Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> July | 3.45 - 7.00 |

Please sign up for a 10 minute consultation outside your child's classroom.

## Road Safety team



Will be visiting on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> June. They will use play based techniques to help children keep themselves safe.

### 50 things to do before you're 5

We are jointly hosting a launch event with Saltaire Primary School on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> June from 3.00 to 4.30 at Hirst Wood



The 50 Things project is about getting parents involved in a range of activities with their children, along with appropriate guidance that will make an impact. These have been carefully developed by education experts and early years practitioners and it also considers children with special education needs and the culturally diverse community of the city of Bradford. 50 Things To Do Before You're Five gives parents and carers 50 activities that they can enjoy to support their children to try out and repeat.

50 Things is based on the simple notion that access to life-changing, fun, low-cost or no-cost experiences with your family is a great way to support and develop young children's oracy skills and confidence, so that they enter primary school much more ready to learn. If you would like to know more about the project in the interim please see the website

<https://www.stedmundsbradford.org.uk/information/50-things>

**Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> June**

We will be hosting a joint summer fayre with Saltaire Primary School from 12pm. Come along and join in the fun



**Our next stay and share learning coffee morning is Monday 1<sup>st</sup> July from 9.00 to 9.30 with a focus on improving children's literacy skills. Come along for a drink and more information about how to support your child's ever increasing skills. Everyone welcome**



### **Ready, steady bike**

We have booked 3 sessions for children to learn how to use balance bikes on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup> June and 3<sup>rd</sup> July. All children will have the opportunity to join in.



We are hosting our annual leavers' picnics on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> July. All children will enjoy a range of sandwiches, home-made biscuits and a surprise iced lollipop. Hopefully the sun will shine and we can enjoy an al fresco lunch out in the garden.

### Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> July

Ian's mobile farm will be visiting and will be set up in the outdoor area. There will be a range of animals for the children to enjoy and experience. Please let us know if your children suffer from any pet allergies / phobias. Also any pregnant Mummies should take advice from their GP if they would like to be around the farm. Thank you



Your views are important to us; therefore we will be asking everyone to complete a brief questionnaire about Hirst Wood. We welcome your compliments and comments to help us improve what we do. Thank you in anticipation.

**Remember, remember .....**

We close for summer on **Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July**

Training days on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> and Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September

Children return to school on **Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> September**