



Update Update

December 2020



Hello again, we hope that you and your families are well. We are always here to help if you need anything, please ring 01274 584368 if you'd like to speak with us.

Thank you to everyone who took the time to complete the parent's survey, your views are important to us and we are very keen to make sure that we are effectively working together as much as possible. Following your feedback, the weekly planning will continue to be uploaded on to the learning portal AND it will now also be emailed to you every Monday morning. Our website address is www.hirstwoodnsc.co.uk and the learning portal is accessed via the green login icon at the top right-hand corner. We issued your child's unique log in details for the learning portal in October and this would be used in the case of a class bubble closure. Please let us know if you have any technical issues with accessing the information or if you need this re-issuing.

Our website also has a Covid 19 section that is updated with regular information from the School, the Department for Education and the Local Authority. It also has updated copies of our health & safety risk assessments.

On the front of the website is the calendar and on there are details of all forthcoming events so that you know can plan in advance

<https://www.hirstwoodnsc.co.uk/website/calendar>

Any accidents will be communicated via EYLog or a telephone call if the accident is of a more serious nature (hopefully not). Please let us know if you change your telephone numbers.

There will be a suggestions box outside at each drop off and pick up time so that you can share your ideas with us on how we can improve our service.

If you would rather email your suggestions to Jayne.Taylor@hirstwoodnsc.co.uk we would love to hear your ideas and thoughts on how to keep on improving. A couple of parents didn't want to receive their child's assessment data, please email Jayne Taylor to opt out of this.

Many parents were keen to participate in Zoom EYFS area of learning workshops, further details, dates and times will follow in the new year. The sessions will be for approximately 30 minutes with one of the teachers and we will cover the following topics:

- Communication & Language
- Personal, social & emotional development
- Mathematical development
- Physical development
- Understanding the World
- Literacy
- Phonics
- Expressive art & design

The aim is that they will be informal yet informative and give you ideas on how best to support your child's learning at home with a further insight in to how we resource, develop and extend the curriculum for children at School

We are continuing to add to the learning portal so that in the event of self-isolation or the closure of a class bubble there will be an even wider range of resources, activities and low cost / no cost things to do at home. We will be emailing a short video guide of how to access the range of over 80 videos, stories, songs and rhymes plus links to other websites but in the meantime, here is how to login and take a look at what's available

https://www.hirstwoodnsc.co.uk/website/learning_portal/523132



Thank you to everyone who donated, we raised a wonderful £100

Saltaire LIVING ADVENT Calendar

A Saltaire
inspired event

We are proud to be part of the Saltaire Living Advent Calendar that starts 1st to 31st December, please take a look at our window that is to the rear of the building on Carlton Avenue. Our theme this year is Christmas Rainbow. The children have independently worked on their own designs and choice of media. Each of the classes has a window and each child has their own square within the overall design, with every one fitting together much like the community that we live in. The before and after school provision have each produced a section of the rainbow, working collaboratively to achieve the full effect. We hope that the rainbow will bring pleasure to others and send a message of hope and happiness. Here is a link to the windows participating [LAC2020-MAP-DOWNLOAD.pdf \(saltaireinspired.org.uk\)](#)

Wednesday 9th December - Christmas jumper day

Don't forget to get your festive attire ready. Children are encouraged to wear a Christmas Jumper as part of ITV text Santa appeal that suggests £2 donation per child to raise funds for Macmillan Cancer and Make-A-Wish.



Our annual Christmas lunches will be on Tuesday 8th and Thursday 10th December. Eileen and Graham go to a huge amount of effort to dress up for the children and the classrooms are festively decorated. We have lots of themed lunches planned for the rest of the academic year and will let you know in advance so you can discuss these with your children.



Christmas parties will be on Tuesday 15th and Thursday 17th December in the afternoon.



If you are happy to donate food towards the party we usually ask for a small contribution of the following items

- cheese spread sandwiches
- vegetable pakora
- fruit
- biscuits / individual cakes
- jam sandwiches
- raisins
- crisps
- (no nuts please)

We are also collecting for Bradford Foodbank so any donations would be gratefully received on their behalf and we will arrange a collection on Friday 18th December to help those who are less fortunate than us to have a better Christmas.



Thank you for your continued support, we look forward to another happy half term working with you and your family.