



# Newsletter Newsletter



June 2021

## Teaching and Learning

Welcome back, we hope that everyone enjoyed a relaxing Spring Bank break. We are pleased that the combined Nursery 1 and 2 is working well. The children from the community room made a fantastic transition and ALL the 3 classes are playing outside together. In terms of teaching teams, we have Sam Renwick, teacher Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday morning in Nursery 2. Rohela Ahmed, teacher has joined us for the last half term to replace Rachel James who has secured a new job. Ruth Ball also teaches in Nursery 1 on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. The teachers work in partnership with the early years practitioners and these are Angie Nash, Kath Zuchlinski, Sarah Richardson and Ann Mc Kerchar. Hawthorn are based in Nursery 3 with Sally Lofthouse (teacher), Sarah Taylor (early years practitioner) and Laiba Ali (apprentice). We are lucky to have such experienced and enthusiastic colleagues. The weekly planning is available on the website ([www.hirstwoodnsc.co.uk](http://www.hirstwoodnsc.co.uk)). This will explain to you what activities we are doing and how this supports your child's learning. We would also love to see what you have been enjoying at home so please upload photographs and information via EYLog that we can share with the children. Don't forget that children can change their library books every week – just bring your book back and swap it for another. Research shows that involvement with reading activities at home has significant positive influences not only on reading achievement, language comprehension and expressive language skills, but also on children's interest in reading, attitudes towards reading and attentiveness BUT above all, it is enjoyable!

We are starting to work with the Primary Schools who will be welcoming your children in September. We are allowing outdoor visits and some schools have already planned to come to speak to teachers and meet children in person. The receiving schools will also be provided with a copy of your child's leavers report and their final assessment data. All these documents will, of course, be shared with you towards the end of next term. We will also have some special celebrations planned for children in school as some of them prepare to move on to the next part of their educational journey.

For those children who are leaving us, please see the link below about what we feel are important in terms of 'school readiness'. This is formed on a whole child approach and covers predominantly the personal, social and emotional skills that will support children as they move to a new setting. Some children suffer from increased anxiety when there is lots of talk about transitions, it may be worth considering how soon you start to talk to your child about moving school

[PowerPoint Presentation \(pacey.org.uk\)](http://pacey.org.uk)



Your views are important to us; therefore, if you could spare the time to complete a brief questionnaire about Hirst Wood on Survey Monkey via this link.

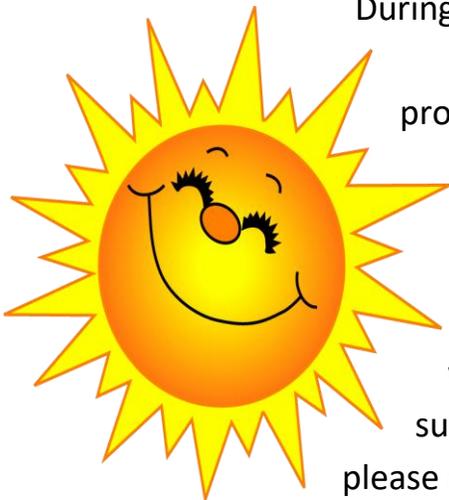
<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/P2ZSP9N>

We are particularly interested in your thoughts on the electronic system for observation and assessment. It's been an extraordinary 15 months and we hope that we have been as responsive and supportive as possible, we welcome your compliments and comments to help us improve what we do. Thank you in anticipation.

### **Health & Safety**

During the summer months it may be necessary that children need sun protection to be applied (hopefully!). In this respect we will provide sun cream for each classroom unless your child has specific skin sensitivities that would necessitate the use of their own specific cream. If this is the case, please bring in the sun protection clearly labelled with your child's name. If you could apply sun-cream to your child before they come to Nursery and we will reapply it later in the day. Whilst we do have a stock of sunhats if you would prefer your child to wear their own could you please ensure that they are named (written in pen on the inside is fine).

Thank you



## Fundraising event



The months since March 2020 have impacted on the income of so many businesses, not least Schools who have also suffered financial losses. We would love to be able to update some of our outdoor equipment such as balance bikes, trikes and replace the large sandpit so we are offering you the chance to buy a family afternoon tea box for just £10.00. These will all be homemade by our wonderful Cook, Eileen. They will include sandwiches, sausage roll, scone, jam & cream and cakes (vegetarian options will be available). If you would like to order one for collection on either Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> or Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> July please state your preferred pick up day, how many boxes you would like and whether you require vegetarian option and place this in an envelope with your payment to Reception (via the box outside) by Friday 9<sup>th</sup> July. Our aim is to raise at least £1000 so your support would be very much appreciated.

### Themed lunches

Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> & Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> June – healthy

Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> & Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> July – picnic



Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> July

close for summer break. Enjoy

Training days Monday 6<sup>th</sup> & Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> September

Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> September

school re-opens



The time has come to say goodbye, each day has been filled with fun,  
Always happy and busy but for some our time together is done

We have read so many stories, and sang so many songs  
From start to finish so many different weeks,  
what an adventure we've come along

We watched you going home covered in paint, or top to toe in mud  
We hope you will agree the endless choice of learning opportunities  
is really what makes it a very special Hirst Wood