



# Update Update

November 2020



Thank you everyone as we continue to navigate our way through a very different way of being at School. You have been extremely supportive of the different measures that we have put in to place and we are grateful for your patience and flexibility. We do not anticipate things changing in the short term but we keep you updated of any new information. Don't forget that we have a Covid 19 section on the website where all the latest news and correspondence is stored. As we move in to another national lockdown we know that people are feeling anxious, frustrated and lots of other emotions in times of uncertainty and we hope that you know that Hirst Wood Nursery School is here to support you and your family. If you do find that you have a positive test result in the family, or you would like some advice about symptoms or self-isolation please ring Jayne Taylor on 07949 200598 if this is out of normal school hours, otherwise the office number is 01274 584368. We have also been asked by the Local Authority to let parents know that there is an expectation that face masks are worn during drop off and pick up times unless you are medically exempt.

The advice from the Health & Safety Executive remains that all areas should be well ventilated therefore the recommendation is that we have windows open in each classroom. As you can imagine this does impact negatively on the temperature in the rooms therefore could we ask that you dress your children in layers of additional clothing such as a thick woollen jumper and/or a fleece. Thank you.

We are also undertaking a survey to get your views about how well you feel the arrangements are working – could you offer any suggestions for improvement? How effective is communication? Do you like the EYLog? Your views are very important to us to ensure that we meet your needs and we would ask that you complete the survey here and thank you for your time. <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/BPPF6N8>

## **Applications for entry to Reception in September 2021**

The online admissions system will be available for reception applications from 9 November 2020 until 15 January 2021 for children born between 1 September 2016 and 31 August 2017. You should receive information about making an application for reception from your child's current nursery mid-November. Please contact the Admissions Team if you do not receive this.

If your child has a formal offset agreement in place, and is therefore not born between these dates, please contact the Admissions Team for a paper application form once the application process has opened in November as you will be unable to apply through the online process. If you would like to discuss a possible offset for your child please ring 01274 584368 to speak with Jayne Taylor who will explain this process and how best to undertake this should you decide that you would like to defer your primary school application.

**Contact details** School admissions team Monday to Friday - 9am to 4pm 01274 439200 **Annual Reception Admissions Queries (to start primary school for the first time)** [Primaryadmissions@bradford.gov.uk](mailto:Primaryadmissions@bradford.gov.uk)

## **Remembrance Day 2020**



Even though our children are possibly too young to understand the history related to Remembrance Day we wanted the community to know that we have not forgotten the past. We have been working with the children to produce some red representations to display around the building so that we can let people know that we are remembering the tragedies of those who lost their lives. Look out for the lovely artwork that children have produced, we hope that they will brighten up your day.



**BBC**

# Children in Need

We are still celebrating Children in Need this year on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> November. GET FANCY DRESSED - Let your imagination run wild with Pudsey themed fancy dress. We hear yellow is going to be big again this year... please don't feel under pressure to buy anything specifically. A donations box will be outside

should you wish to contribute. We will plan other activities such as going on a Pudsey bear hunt, Pudsey biscuit decorating, Joe Wicks yoga, den building to name a few so that we create some enjoyable experiences for your children to remember.

# Road Safety Week



It is Road Safety Week from 16<sup>th</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup> November and we will use this as an opportunity to share with children the importance of staying safe near roads. We have some role-play traffic lights and zebra crossing resources so we will use this to explain to children how they can stay safe in real life contexts.

## **Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> December - Christmas jumper day**

Annually we participate in Save the Children Christmas Jumper day. 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.





Christmas parties will be on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> December in the afternoon. Unfortunately, Father Christmas won't be able to visit this year but we are sure that he will manage to deliver a gift to each child for us to pass on.

We have a training day to welcome our January starters on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December so we close to children on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> December.

We have new children joining us in all 3 of the classrooms and we are sure that you and your children will make them feel very welcome and part of the Hirst Wood family.

We wish you all a very merry Christmas and our best wishes for a happy new year. Stay safe and look after each other.



School reopens for returning children on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2021



Please don't forget to renew your 30-hour code for January 2021