



# Newsletter Newsletter



April 2019

## Teaching and Learning

Welcome back, we hope that everyone enjoyed a lovely Easter break.

We are pleased to welcome new children into all three classrooms, we hope that they will settle in quickly and enjoy being at Hirst Wood. The planning is displayed outside each of the three Nursery classrooms. This will explain to you what activities we are doing and how this supports your child's learning. We also plan 'adult focused' activities for small groups and individuals to support particular learning outcomes which provides a focus for both adult planned activities and for enhancements to our continuous provision. Practitioners work in partnership with children, skillfully and sensitively interacting to support and develop their learning. We also have copies of the rhyme of the week for you to take home and enjoy with your child.

We also welcome a new member of staff; Sam Renwick is the new Early Years Practitioner working with Sally in Nursery 2 Chestnut. Jackie got married before the Easter break and has reduced her days to Monday and Tuesday. Sam is extremely experienced, having worked at another Nursery School for many years and we are delighted to welcome her to the team.

We have consultations for parents on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> June from 3.45 to 7.15pm. Signs for appointments will be displayed on each classroom noticeboard, please come along and talk with the teacher about your child's progress. If you are unable to make that date, please speak to the teacher and we will attempt to offer an alternative date and time. Thank you.



helping children make healthy choices

**Life caravan visit  
Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> May**

The Life Caravan will be in the car park for all Nursery school children to attend a session on learning how to look after their bodies. The Life Caravan staff will discuss healthy eating and exercise and the need to care for ourselves in order to stay healthy and safe. These sessions are a fun and interactive way for children to gain new knowledge.

### **Health & Safety**



During the summer months it may be necessary that children need sun protection to be applied (hopefully!).

In this respect the Nursery 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.

Also, another reminder about not bringing food and drink in to school. We have children with food allergies and unfortunately we do still find that some children have sweets and food in their bags. Please check that your child is not bringing anything to school from home. Thank you.



The children are very much enjoying participating in the Forest School sessions. The fire and tools area has created a fantastic addition to our wonderful outdoor area. Please ask if you would like more information about learning through the natural environment.



## 50 things to do before you're 5



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. We are planning a launch event in partnership with Saltaire Primary School, but 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>



### **Easter raffle & chocolate tombola**

Thank you to everyone who donated and bought tickets.

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



### **Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> May**

Tempest Photography will be here. Each child will be photographed individually (if they are happy to be) during their normal Nursery session. If you would like a photograph of your child with their sibling/s, please come along before the start of your child's session (8.30 for morning session or 12.15 for afternoon session). We will provide a waiting area in the Gallery.

**Friday 25<sup>th</sup> May** – close for Spring Bank holiday

**Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June** – training day

**Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> June** – school re-opens

