

Dear Parents and Carers,

Nursery School

We are currently supporting children who are transitioning **to school** in September. We have lots of visits from reception teachers to see the children at nursery too. This is a great way of sharing information in order to support the children, as well as building links with our local schools.

Another bit from our **Promoting positive behaviour guidance for staff**:

Experiencing and managing conflict is an important part of growing up and early education. Our aim is to help children to learn the skills they need to manage conflicts, through guidance and modelling.

- *We encourage children to be assertive and to say/sign "no" clearly, to say "I don't like that", etc. Where a child appropriately asserts "no" and the other child responds, it is not usually necessary for an adult to get involved.*
- *We think developmentally: if a child is at an early stage of development, then sharing resources will be very challenging. Ways to support include making sure that we have enough resources for everyone; setting up experiences for 2 or 3 children, to avoid large groups crowding round; model language/approaches like "me next"; "can I have a turn"; "you can have it next, when I've finished".*
- *We model sharing and learning. Show children that we actively listen to the ideas, needs and wants of others. Show simple approaches to sharing like "I'll do one, you do the next." Support and promote open-ended experiences that promote collaboration, e.g. block play.*
- *We anticipate potential problem situations and eliminate or reduce practical difficulties before they arise. By observing what triggers difficult behaviour we can avoid it happening in the first place.*

We will be at the **Bellfields summer event** on the Green this Saturday, please come and say hello.

Our last **Open Day** before September is Tuesday 11th July, please promote this with your friends and family with babies and young children.

Important dates

Monday 17th July 3.30-5pm Family picnic for children leaving Hazel Avenue nursery in HA garden

Tuesday 18th July 3.30-5pm Family picnic for children leaving York Road nursery in YR garden

Friday 21st July Nursery term ends at 12.45pm for all funded (non-fee paying) term time children

Mon 24th July: Holiday club starts

Children's Centre

A Top Tips for Healthy Teeth session is being held during our Friday Play and Learn session on Friday 9th July. To book a space please speak to a member of the reception team.

A new Summer Timetable is now available, please ask at Reception. Note the Zoolab visits throughout July and August at both sites and book your space, we are sure that this will be very popular.

Kind regards

Sally Cave
Headteacher

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Dates for nursery school year 2017/18

Autumn term:

Mon 4th Sept: nursery starts for fee paying children
Weds 6th Sept at 12.30pm: nursery term starts for all returning funded children
27th Sept: 7-8pm social event for all Hazel Avenue nursery parents
28th Sept: 7-8pm social event for all York Road nursery parents
Week beginning 16th Oct: parent meetings
Fri 20th Oct: centre closed for inset day 1
23rd-27th Oct: half term holiday with holiday club
7th Nov 9-10am and 9th Nov 2.30-3.30pm: Everybody count together, parents invited
Fri 24th Nov: Centre closed for inset day 2
1st Dec 2.30pm and 4th Dec 9am: decorate the Christmas tree, parents invited
Weds 13th December: family nativity at St John's Church, Stoke
Thursday 14 December: Christmas lunch for all children and staff
Fri 15th Dec: Christmas jumper day
20 Dec 11.30am and 2.45pm: Christmas sing along, parents invited
21 Dec 9-12: Christmas party for all nursery children, staff and Santa! Parent volunteers, hopefully!
22nd Dec-3rd Jan inclusive: no nursery and no holiday club

The following are ALL new dates:

Spring term:

Thurs 4th Jan: Nursery term starts
Week beginning Mon 5th February: parent meetings
12th-16th Feb: half term with holiday club
Mon 19th Feb: Centre closed for inset day 3
Thurs 1st March: 5-5.30pm Bedtime stories event
Tues 6th March 2.30-3.30pm and Thurs 8th March 9-10am: Everybody read together
Fri 23rd March: sports day
Thurs 29th March 9-12: Easter party with egg hunt
3rd-6th April and 9th-13th April: Easter holidays with holiday club

Summer term:

Mon 16th April: term starts
Fri 4th May: centre closed for inset day 4
Mon 7th May: bank holiday
22 May 2.30-3.30pm and 24th May 9-10am: Everybody write together
29th May – 1st June: half term holiday with holiday club
Mon 4th June: centre closed for inset day 5
Week beginning 25th June: parent meetings
Fri 13th July 9.15am: Leaver's concert
16th July: leaver's picnic at HA
17th July: leaver's picnic at YR
Term ends: Fri 20th July
23rd-27th July and 30th July-3rd Aug: Holiday club
6th – 17th Aug: NO holiday club
20th-24th Aug and 27th-31st Aug: holiday club