



# Newsletter



June 2016

## Teaching and Learning

This is the last half term for some children and we will be supporting their transition to new settings. Many staff from Primary Schools come to visit children at Hirst Wood to make the process as positive as possible. This is an exciting time for both children and parents, and we wish every child the best of luck in their new setting.

**N1 and N2 - 'growing'**- children will look at both fiction and non-fiction texts such as the 'The Hungry Caterpillar', 'The Bad Tempered Ladybird' and 'Superworm' to extend their knowledge and understanding of growth and change. Lifecycles will be explored as children plant seeds (beans, cress and sunflowers) and observe lifecycles through their observations of tadpoles as they grow into frogs and caterpillars into butterflies.

**N3 - 'transport and journeys'** - a travel agents will be opened up in the role-play area which will provide lots of opportunities for imaginative play. There will be writing for a variety of purposes such as tickets, timetables and luggage labels. Children will be encouraged to look at maps and globes, and also discuss any trips that they have taken - where did they go and how did they get there? Forces will be investigated through investigation of wheeled toys - considering how we make things move.

## Have your say .....

Children who are leaving us will have a summative report for parents to share with us in celebrating their achievements. We would like to invite you to let us know your views on the quality of services that we offer, how effectively we communicate and your overall level of satisfaction. If you could spare the time to complete a parents evaluation sheet so that we can continue to improve and develop our provision for children and families.

## Leavers' celebrations



We have planned two picnic lunches for all the children to attend. These are scheduled for Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> (Monday to Wednesday children) and Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> July (Wednesday pm to Friday children). If your child attends morning or afternoon sessions in Nursery 3, we would like to ask your child to join us on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup>. Morning children will have lunch and then leave at 12.00 as normal but we would ask afternoon children to come at 11.30 so that all children can eat together. The cost of the picnic lunch is £1.40 per child - please order at Reception and let us know if your child has any specific dietary requirements. The picnic lunch usually consists of a tuna or cheese sandwich, home-made biscuit and fruit. We have booked the sunshine and will have music outside to create a fun and memorable day.

### Leavers' consultations

Please look out for the timetables for leavers' consultations outside your child's classroom. This is an invaluable opportunity to share your child's Record of Achievement whilst also celebrating the progress that your child has made during their time with us.

Please see the class teacher if you are unable to attend any of the scheduled appointments

### LENDING LIBRARY

For all those children who are leaving us, could you please check whether you have any books that should be returned to the lending library so that other children can continue to enjoy the range of books that we have. Thank you.

### Dates to remember .....

We close for the summer holidays on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> July. We wish you a happy summer holiday and our very best wishes for those children who leave us to go to Primary School.



We re-open for returning children on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> September until Friday 21<sup>st</sup> October.

Please tell your friends about all that Hirst Wood  
Nursery School can provide .....

As well as being able to offer the free 15 hour Nursery  
Education Funded places flexibly (either mornings,  
afternoons or 2.5 days) we are now also able to provide  
additional opportunities for parents to purchase  
sessions shown below:

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| Breakfast club | 8 - 9 a.m. | £5.00 per day |
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Monday to Friday

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| After school | 3.15 - 6 p.m. | £11.00 per day |
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Monday to Thursday

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| After school | 3.15 - 5.30 p.m. | £10.00 per day |
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Friday

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| All day sessions | 9.00 - 3.15 | £25.00 per day |
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| Half day top-up session |  | £13.75 per day |
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We offer high quality teacher-led early years education. We place a  
strong emphasis on building confidence and independence within a  
stimulating and motivating environment. Prospective parents are  
encouraged to contact us to have a look around the fantastic indoor  
and outdoor provision.