



Update

November 2023



We have lots of exciting things happening this half term. It's a special time of year for children as they are learning about different festivals such as Diwali, Hanukkah and Christmas. Please send us photographs of what you are doing as a family as these are things that we enjoy talking to the children about. We are participating in the Rhyme Challenge which will be coming home for you to enjoy. Don't forget to check your child's pigeon hole for communication.

The planning for each class is displayed outside the classroom with a copy for you to take home, plus the rhyme of the week. It is also available on the website https://www.hirstwoodnsc.co.uk/website/weekly_nursery_plan_for_parents/255843 where you can select your child's class.

As part of our Eco Schools initiative we have a unit in the buggy store to hold any recycled materials that you'd like to donate to us for us to reuse. This could be unwanted paper, rolls of wallpaper, tubes, cardboard boxes ... anything really that we could use would be appreciated.



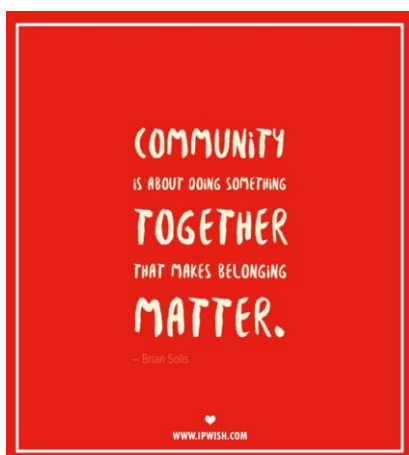
We will have a cake stall on Wednesday 15th November – all donations welcome. This will be located in the corridor and will be open at drop off and pick up times. Friday 17th November – we will be wearing spots and you can bring your favourite Teddy to School. There will be a donation box in Reception if you would like to contribute to this worthy cause.

Reception applications for entry September 2024

If your child lives in the Bradford District, you should apply through the online admissions system between November 2023 and 15 January 2024. If your child has a formal offer agreed please contact the Admissions Team for a paper application form as you're unable to apply through the online system. Some schools require you to fill in a Supplementary Information Form (SIF) directly as well. This may have an earlier closing date than the council application.

Wednesday 15th November from 3.15 to 4.00

please come and join us for Nursery at Night. Please RSVP to office@hirstwoodnscc.co.uk if you plan to attend



Week commencing 27th November is our “We are a Community” week where we will be looking at various different festivals, how people celebrate and the uniqueness of each child and their family. We are also going to be collecting on behalf of Homeless not Hopeless who will talk to the children about people who are less fortunate in our community and how we can help with charitable work.

If you are happy to, please donate items of non-perishable food - there will be a box in Reception which will be there until the last week of term when we arrange a collection. We are hoping to have a representative from the charity come to talk to the children about the important work that they do and how we can help.



Monday 27th at 08.45 and Wednesday 29th at 12.45 - meet a Governor

Our Governing Body are an enthusiastic, committed group of individuals who give up their free time to support and develop the School and the community. They'd be very interested in hearing your views – compliments or concerns. If you're free to have a chat, they'd be very pleased to meet you, alternatively, please email any correspondence to office@hirstwoodnscc.co.uk

We are proud to be part of the Saltaire Living Advent Calendar that starts 1st to 31st December, please take a look at our window that is to the rear of the building on Carlton Avenue. Our theme this year is based on the book of The Christmas Tree Eve, a moving story where a homeless boy's rescue of a spindly Christmas tree sparks a glimmer of hope that has far-reaching effects which links to our charitable work. All children will work collaboratively on their own designs and choice of media. Here is a link to the windows participating <http://www.saltaireinspired.org.uk/living-advent-calendar/>



Our annual Christmas lunches will be on Tuesday 5th and Thursday 7th December. Ally and Graham go to a huge amount of effort to dress up for the children and the classrooms are festively decorated. We have lots of themed lunches planned for the rest of the academic year and will let you know in advance so you can discuss these with your children.

Wednesday 6th December - Christmas jumper day

Don't forget to get your festive attire ready. 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 12th and Thursday 14th December in the afternoon. If you are happy to donate food towards the party we usually ask for a small contribution of the following items

- cheese spread sandwiches
- vegetable pakora
- fruit
- biscuits / individual cakes
- jam sandwiches
- raisins
- crisps
- (no nuts please)

Sign up sheets outside each classroom, thank you in advance. There may be a special visitor ... who could it be?

We close for Christmas on Friday 15th December. May we take this opportunity to wish you and your family a very happy festive break and our very best wishes for the new year. We have a training day on Tuesday 2nd January and children return on Wednesday 3rd.

We have new children joining us in January and we are sure that you will make them and their family feel welcomed as part of the Hirst Wood community.

Please note the increased school meal charge of £2.00 per day from this term.
(We don't set the meal charges, this is via Bradford Council as we collect the money on their behalf).

Don't forget that we are celebrating high levels of attendance, so please try to attend every session - good School habits start early. Thank you

Don't forget that we have a Facebook page

<https://www.facebook.com/hirstwoodnursery/> and a Twitter account <https://twitter.com/hirstwoodns> to keep you updated – give us a follow

Thank you for your continued support, we look forward to another happy half term working with you and your family.