





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. It has been magical to welcome ALL children back to School. The way that the children have adapted to slightly different routines has been fantastic, they have shown flexibility, independence and confidence and you should be very proud of them all.

As we start working towards the roadmap to recovery we too are making some slight changes to get things back to how it used to be. The first change is that for this term, the community room children (Sycamore) are moving to Nursery 2 and after a couple of weeks of becoming familiar with the new environment, they will be able to mix with Nursery 1 (Willow). As most staff are lateral flow testing twice weekly and the fact that most colleagues have had their first vaccination, with the second due imminently we felt that we could begin to make some small steps to becoming a free flow environment again.

We are hoping that at the beginning of next term we will be able to introduce all children being together, at least for outdoor play. We will, of course, keep a close eye on the health and safety advice and use this to inform our decisions which will be communicated with you.

The weekly planning is available on the website (www.hirstwoodnscc.co.uk). This will explain to you what activities we are doing and how this supports your child's learning. We also plan additional curriculum enhancements to achieve additional teaching and learning outcomes. Our wonderful outdoor environment is a special place to be at this time of the year and children can observe the change in seasons.

Health & Safety

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

Please could we ask that you turn your car engines off whilst waiting to collect your children in order to reduce the emissions in the environment, thank you.

Wednesday 19th May

Tempest Photography will be here. Each child will be photographed individually (if they are happy to be) during their normal Nursery session.



Themed lunches

Tuesday 20th & Thursday 22nd April – pirate Tuesday 18th & Thursday 20th May – seaside Tuesday 15th & Thursday 17th June – healthy Tuesday 20th & Thursday 22nd July – picnic



Friday 21st May close for Spring Bank holiday

Monday 7th June school re-opens

