



Newsletter

April 2022



Teaching and Learning

Welcome back, we hope that everyone enjoys a relaxing Easter break. We are delighted to welcome new children this half term and are sure that you will make everyone feel welcomed. The weekly planning is available on the website www.hirstwoodnsc.co.uk and on the noticeboard outside. This will explain to you what activities we are doing and how this supports your child's learning. We would also love to see what you have been enjoying at home so please upload photographs and information via EYLog that we can share with the children. Don't forget that children can change their library books every week – just bring your book back and swap it for another. Research shows that involvement with reading activities at home has significant positive influences not only on reading achievement, language comprehension and expressive language skills, but also on children's interest in reading, attitudes towards reading and attentiveness BUT above all, it is enjoyable!

We are starting to work with the Primary Schools who will be welcoming your children in September. We are allowing outdoor visits and some schools have already planned to come to speak to teachers and meet children in person. The receiving schools will also be provided with a copy of your child's leavers report and their final assessment data. All these documents will, of course, be shared with you towards the end of next term. For those children who are leaving us, please see the link below about what we feel are important in terms of 'school readiness'. This is formed on a whole child approach and covers predominantly the personal, social and emotional skills that will support children as they move to a new setting. Some children suffer from increased anxiety when there is lots of talk about transitions, it may be worth considering how soon you start to talk to your child about moving school

[PowerPoint Presentation \(pacey.org.uk\)](http://pacey.org.uk)

This half term we have some exciting experiences planned for children. The Flouride varnish team are here Wednesday 27th April – don't forget if you would like your child to participate, please complete and return the forms.

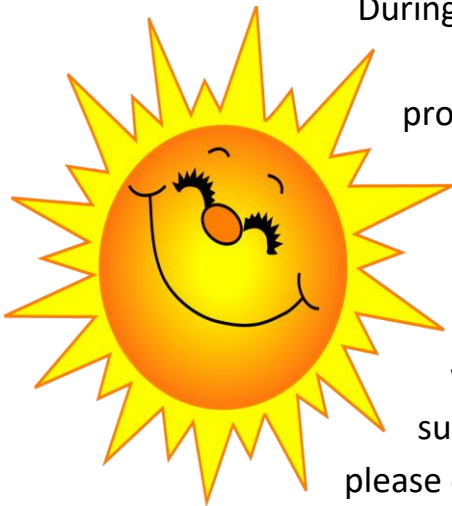
Healthy Living Week



Week commencing 8th May is our biology week and will be exploring how our body works and how we can look after it. We have balance bikes in the car park Tuesday 9th and Thursday 10th – all children will have the opportunity to participate (we will send home a copy of our risk assessment so that you can agree to your child taking part.). We have the Life Caravan visiting Wednesday 10th

Tempest Photography are here on Wednesday 18th May. If you would like your child to have a photograph with their sibling(s) please let us know in advance and we will plan for this to happen before School.

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. Whilst we do have a stock of sunhats if you would prefer your child to wear their own could you please ensure that they are named (written in pen on the inside is fine).

Thank you

Dates to remember:

We are closed Monday 2nd May – (bank holiday) and Friday 27th May (occasional day)

We finish for Spring Bank on Thursday 26th May and return Monday 6th June