



Update

November 2021



We have lots of exciting things happening this half term. It's a special time of year for children as they are celebrating various festivals such as Diwali, Eid 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.

Don't forget that 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. We have made some exciting changes to the staffing, Sam Renwick is now Assistant Headteacher and Ruth Ball will extend her week.



We have a science theme planned for week commencing 29th November – look out for our exciting experiments. Science combines exploring and investigating the world, these two key elements, which are crucial to establishing a lifelong love of learning. It also connects all other areas of learning, from language (describing what's happening in an experiment, learning new vocabulary) to maths and engineering (modelling, construction). We will also use this as an opportunity to promote good teeth cleaning habits – each child will receive a toothbrush and we will provide you with some handy hints and tips on oral hygiene.



We will have a cake stall on Wednesday 17th November – **all donations welcome**. This will be placed in the sensory room and will be open at drop off and pick up times. Friday 19th 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.

Saltaire LIVING ADVENT Calendar

A Saltaire
inspired event

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 a shared piece to produce an image of Christmas tree. The children have independently worked on their own designs and choice of media. Each of the classes has a window and each child has their own square within the overall design, with every one fitting together much like the community that we live in. The before and after school provision have also produced a section of the tree,

working collaboratively to achieve the full effect. We hope that this will bring pleasure to others and send a message of hope and happiness. Here is a link to the windows participating <http://www.saltaireinspired.org.uk/living-advent-calendar/>

Wednesday 15th 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.





Our annual Christmas lunches will be on Tuesday 7th and Thursday 9th December. Eileen 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.



Following the huge success of our summer afternoon tea boxes we have decided to repeat the offer with an opportunity to buy a Christmas Treat Box. The box will contain all home-made sweet treats such as Christmas Cake (alcohol free versions available as others have been lovingly fed with brandy), mince pies, Christmas biscuits and buns. These are available at just £10 each and can be collected during the last week of term. Why not buy some as gifts for family and friends – all proceeds will go towards equipment for our outdoor area and will be very much appreciated. **Final date for ordering Friday 5th December.**

Reception applications for entry in 2022

The online application process for Bradford district residents opens on 15 November and closes on 15 January. Please click on 'Apply for a school place now' to apply. 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. You can contact the Admissions Team via email primaryadmissions@bradford.gov.uk



Christmas parties will be on Tuesday 14th and Thursday 16th 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)

We close for Christmas on Friday 17th 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 4th January and children return on Wednesday 5th.



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