

Huntingfield Pre-School



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NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents/Carers

Sadly, this is my last newsletter for some of you, in what has been a busy last term. Over the last 6 weeks, we have been preparing the older children for the transition to Primary School by encouraging positive feelings and explaining how it is an exciting time, not a scary one! We have read stories, had the teachers visits and the school uniform day. It is natural for the children to feel insecure & unsure and I hope that we have managed to reduce their fears. I am confident, that they are now ready for the transition to Primary School in September (not sure about the parents) so whatever school your child will be moving to, we wish them all well for the future!

The end of term reports **FOR THE SCHOOL LEAVERS ONLY** will be going home on Monday 8 July, together with the children's folders. There are instructions advising you what to do, which is inside the envelope in the folder. Please read these carefully! I hope you enjoy looking through the folders, reading the lovely observations, comments, pieces of work & photos of your children.

Teachers Visits

Some of you may wonder why your child's new school teachers do not visit us here at Huntingfield or why I only mention the 2/3 local schools i.e. Forestdale, Courtwood & Greenvale. (sadly Courtwood were not able to visit this year) Unfortunately, unless a significant number of children are moving on together, then the teachers do not generally visit. This is mainly due to lack of resources and time. The teachers feel it is very time consuming to visit lots of different pre-schools/nurseries, it is not through lack of requesting on my part!!

DVD

Over the last half term, Mr Oyedele has been at Huntingfield recording the children in action, engaged in many activities that you never get to see! Therefore, the DVD is a must and it is not too late to order your copy, so please add your name to the order form in the foyer. Price- **£15 each and is payable now please.** They will be given out before we break up -hopefully Thursday 11 July.

End of term Party

Our end of term party will be on Friday 12 July, the last day of term. All children are invited!

Our Entertainer will be here at 11.00 and we will also be enjoying party food and party games. If your child normally attends Pre-School on Friday, then please bring them in at the normal time of 9.15 am. If they do not normally attend on Friday, then please bring them in at 10.20am. If you wish to take photos at the end of the morning, then parents/carers please come back early (from 11.50). It is likely that the morning will finish after 12.15 as we will be giving out leavers presents etc but please can **everyone** be back here to collect or be with their child from 12.00 at the latest (unless you wish to take photos as already mentioned) as the hall becomes very busy with parents invited in and it is difficult for us to keep a close eye on them all!!

School Uniform Morning

The morning was very successful, as most of the children came to Pre-School in their new school uniforms. They all looked so grown up and seemed to have grown 2 inches over night. It brought a tear to the eye! I hope they all managed to keep relatively clean, as we ensured that messy activities weren't accessible. The children were filmed by Mr Oyedele for the DVD and we also took some photo's and these will be displayed in the foyer next week.

Room 5

Room 5, has once again proved to be a great success this year. All the children have thrived there and are now ready for the transition to Primary School. Apart from building their self confidence and developing independence, they have made amazing progress academically too. On a daily basis, Karen and Sarah have organised and led, fun and stimulating activities, that the children have really enjoyed and learnt from. Most of the children now have a good understanding of phonics, recognising letters and sounds. Some are identifying the initial sound in many words and blending letter sounds together to spell out simple words. Due to a sound knowledge of phonics and regular handwriting practice, many of the children are not only writing their name but short familiar words too. Mathematically, the children have a good understanding of counting to 20 and beyond, identifying numbers, using mathematical language, problem solving and simple addition and subtraction, using objects.

Over the last couple of weeks, the focus has been on Transition to Primary School. As a result, I think the children are now all well prepared and ready to cope with their new schools in September. I am so proud of them all.

Lunch Club

Lunch Club will run next week as usual.

Payments

With effect from September, the annual charge towards all the extra curricular activities will be increasing to £30 please. The fees remain unchanged at £16 per morning, as does Lunch Club at £5.

Questionnaires

Thank you to those of you who have taken the time to complete and return your questionnaires. I am reading your comments with interest as I will be implementing some of your suggestions in the Autumn term. If you have not yet returned yours, please do, it is not too late!

Lost Property/Reading Books/Clothes

Please can you check the lost property box in the foyer as there are many items that haven't been claimed. They must belong to your children, whatever is still left at the end of term will be taken to a charity shop.

If you have any reading books or items of Huntingfield clothing still at home, could you please return them ASAP please! I have quite a few items of clothing still marked as unreturned in my book, which has left us rather short over the last few weeks, so please can you return them to me urgently. **THANK YOU!**

CHANGE OF CHILD DETAILS

Please, please, ensure you keep me up to date of any changes to your contact details. It is imperative that I am able to contact you or any of your contacts in the case of an emergency!!!!

We have enjoyed.....

This year, the children have enjoyed and been involved in a varied range of activities. We have engaged in monthly Cooking sessions, Librarian visits, MAD Academy (music & dance) sessions, Musical Bumps, Phonic Stars and of course Mini Football. The annual story box session was once again a great success and was very well supported by so many of you. It was so nice to see everyone having creative fun!! Our World Book Day produced some very imaginative characters and our Zoolab visit was brilliant, with all the children meeting some very unusual creatures! We supported Children in Need by holding a cake sale, raising £198 and of course, who could forget the Christmas Concert!

We would like to thank everyone who has helped out in the Pre-School this year, especially Nicola Thomas for leading the cooking activities and Rachel Butler and Kerstin Arneill for running the parent coffee mornings.

THANK YOU ALL SO MUCH

Finally

I hope you all have a lovely Summer and that the sun continues to shine wherever you may go.....

We look forward to seeing you back on **Wednesday 4 September**.

Elaine and Team