

Year Nursery Newsletter



Autumn Edition

September 2024

Dear Families,

We would like to wish you our warmest welcome to Highlands and share how positive the settling in period has been so far and we look forward to welcoming the children for their full session next week. We would like to take this opportunity to inform you of key information about our learning and important dates for this half-term. We look forward to working in partnership with you.

The Nursery Team

Calendar dates:

Wednesday 5th September

School starts for Children

Thursday 12th September 2024

3.45pm or 4.30pm

Y1-Y6 Meet the Teacher Sessions

Friday 20th September 2024

Nursery children start their full session

October 2024

Black History Month

Monday 7th October 2024

Flu immunisations YR-Y6

Thursday 10th October 2024

World Mental Health Day

W/C 14th October 2024

Parent Consultations - After School and Evening Appointments

Half Term

W/C 28th October 2024

W/C 11th November 2024

Anti-Bullying Week

Friday 23rd November 2024

Glow Day

Tuesday 26th November 2024

Flu immunisations YR-Y6 for any previously absent children

Monday 2nd December

Festive Individual photos

December- date TBC

Nursery Nativity

Thursday 19th December 2024

Last Day of term for Nursery

Friday 20th December 2024

Last Day of term for rest of the school

School closes at 1.30pm

Our topic this term is 'All about Me'

This half-term the Nursery children will be settling in to their new school and classroom. They will be given lots of opportunities to develop their speech, communication and language skills by talking about themselves and their families. As well as developing their personal, social and emotional skills by forming positive relationships with their peers and adults. As a **Right's Respecting** school we believe that it is very important for our children to develop positive learning behaviours and skills that will develop them as respectful citizens of our community. Therefore, we will be learning about some of our school values: **Friendship, Respect, Kindness, Perseverance, Empathy, Responsibility and Justice** through stories and circle time activities. Our topic this term is 'All about me'. The children will have the opportunity to talk about themselves and their families with their Nursery friends and teachers. We will be reading stories to support this topic in our key groups. You may like to look at some of these books so that you can talk about these stories and themes with your child.

Our topic books this term

'Monkey Puzzle', 'I like myself', 'Colour Monster', 'Dear Zoo', 'Dear Zoo at Christmas.'



Upcoming Events in Year Nursery



Special events this term

Parent Workshops Stay & Play session

We will be leading a curriculum parent workshop and a Stay & learn session in November 2024, dates to follow.

Assemblies

Nursery Nativity – Thursday 5th December 2024

Spare clothes

Your child needs to have a full change of spare clothes on their peg, including socks and underwear. Please make sure EVERYTHING has their name on it, this bag can stay on their peg. If your child is in pull-ups or nappies, please provide spares as well as wipes, we will continue to support their progress with independent toileting.

Weekly £1 fund

Please could you use our online system or bring in £1.00 on Mondays to donate **£1.00** each week so we can buy extra things to make learning exciting, such as ingredients for cooking, beads and sequins for sticking and new toys to explore! You will have the option to donate weekly, or in advance e.g. £13 for a term or £39 for the year.

Home Learning

Please read with your child every day, talk about the pictures together and ask questions such as “what can you see?” or “what do you think will happen next?” You may find your child wants to repeat stories they have already heard; this repetition is good for their early literacy skills. Please let us know if you do not have access to books at home so we can support you with this.

Attendance and Punctuality

It is very important that your child comes to school every day so they are confident to talk to others and able to make friends.

Arriving at school on time is vital, we have had lots of children arriving late which interrupts learning time for all children. The nursery gate is shut at 9am / 12.40pm promptly, after this time you will need to go to the main school office.

Collections

The Nursery gate will be open for collecting your child at 11.35-11.45am / 3:15-3.30pm. After this time the gate will be closed and you will have to go to the main office. The school has a late collection policy where you may be charged if you are continuously late when picking up your child.

What your child needs to have at school every day:

- Full uniform
- Sensible shoes with Velcro
- Coat

If your child stays all day, they need to bring a packed lunch too.

Other children do not need to bring snack as we provide water, milk and fruit every day



Nut and seeds Free School

We have several children in school who suffer from a severe nut and seed allergies and therefore have made the decision to be a ‘Nut and Seed-Free School’ If your child has any allergies could you please make sure we are fully informed about their needs.

Learning Powers

This year we will be building our learning powers of:

- Determination
- Curiosity
- Attention
- Thinking
- Socialising
- Organisation
- Reflection
- Imagination

BLUE ZONE SCHOOL

We are focusing on working towards becoming a Blue Zone Community. This means we will be focusing on:

- Nutrition
- Movement
- Connection
- Purpose.

In October this will all come together as a community charter.

For now remember the walk to school zone and healthy Blue Zone snacks only. No ultra-processed foods.

Don't forget to give your child a bottle of water to bring to school every day and a healthy snack.

Thank you for your support.