

# HERTFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

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## Nursery Summer Term Newsletter

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Dear Parents

We hope you all had a lovely Easter break and welcome back to all our Nursery children. They have all settled so well gaining in confidence and independence from the timid children who began back in September. Most are now confidently coming into the nursery classroom in the morning, organising their own book bags and coats independently. Many are now confidently recognising their names for self-registration and are doing brilliantly in learning to write their names.

You can help your child to be more successful this term by:

- Encouraging mark making i.e. drawing, colouring, and helping to write a shopping list using emergent (pretend) writing. Mark making may begin with drawing lines and circles and this will then develop on to forming letter shapes and then actual letters as they learn them at school. We have begun to learn some letters already!
- Reading stories with them every day and talking about these stories. Who is their favourite character? Why? Close the story half way through and make up the ending together.
- Making up stories. Children enjoy choosing where the story is set and who the characters are and what happens in the story.
- Listening to poems and making up silly rhymes!
- Looking for real life writing and letters when you are out and about – e.g. on road signs, at the supermarket, house names etc.
- Counting objects and actions to 10, e.g counting coins, pebbles, cutlery and plates as you set the table, stairs as you go up or down etc.
- Looking out for, describing and naming basic 2D shapes as you are out and about such as triangles, squares and circles.
- Singing number songs and rhymes i.e. 5 currant buns, 5 little speckled frogs, 1,2,3,4,5 Once I caught a fish alive, 5 little ducks, 10 in the bed.

Please continue to encourage your child to put his/her own shoes, socks and coat on as well.

The Nursery Curriculum map on our website outlines all of the areas of the curriculum that we will be covering.

Although most of the following points have been covered previously, we feel that they are worth mentioning again as these will all support them in transitioning successfully into Reception next year.

**Coats:** Please ensure that your child brings a coat to school every day. A coat with a hood would be useful as your child has access to the outdoor area every day. PLEASE LABEL ALL ITEMS OF CLOTHING AND SHOES WITH YOUR CHILD'S NAME.



As the weather is now hopefully starting to warm up, please can I remind you to send your child in with a named sunhat and to apply sun cream on your child prior to coming to school. Thank you for your support.

**Book Bags:** Please continue to bring book bags into nursery daily. We ask that you have the book bags with small handles, (not the larger shoulder bag style) as these are more manageable for the children allowing independence. Can you check they are all named please. A key ring or similar item attached can aid your child's instant recognition of their book bag.

**Spare clothes:** Please send a change of clothes to nursery in case of messy play, water play or toileting accidents. We only have a limited stock of our own clothing to use.

**Voluntary donation:** We kindly ask for a voluntary donation of £5 per term to cover additional items to help enhance the environment such as jelly for exploring texture, rice for pouring and capacity etc as well as playdough ingredients. Contributions can be made online via WisePay (follow the link to WisePay from the homepage of our school website [www.westfieldprimary.herts.sch.uk](http://www.westfieldprimary.herts.sch.uk)). If you are having trouble accessing WisePay, please contact the school office.

**Snacks:** All children will need a water bottle in school each day and will receive fruit and milk so there is no need to send any additional snacks. If your child has a special nutritional need we have probably already spoken with you but if not or if anything changes please do come and speak to us. The children are being trained on the 'Snack time' rules, for example washing hands and then sitting carefully to eat their chosen snack and drink their milk or water.

**Library books:** We will begin to give out library books which will be changed each Friday, ready for you to enjoy over the weekend, so please make sure your child returns their library book in their bag on Fridays.

**Pick up time:** Young children can feel worried if they are left when all their friends go home so please be prompt when collecting your child from Nursery. Also, if you are unable to collect them personally please make sure that you have informed the school office, spoken to myself or left us a message in our communication box, with who will be collecting your child at the end of the session.

**Birthday Books:** Every child will receive a book as a present on their birthday.

Finally, if you have any concerns or wish to ask us any questions about your child's time at Nursery please do not hesitate to contact us or speak to us in Nursery. If you need to get a message to us, please write it down and place in our Nursery communication box outside the Nursery door.

Thank you for your continued support.

Kind Regards

Mrs Cheshire and Miss Padmore

**Key Dates for your diary:**

**Tempest Photography Class Photos – Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> April**  
**May Day Bank Holiday – Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> May**  
**Walk to School Week – Monday 16<sup>th</sup> to Friday 20<sup>th</sup> May**  
**Half Term – Monday 30<sup>th</sup> May to Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> June**  
**Bank Holiday for Queen’s Jubilee – Monday 6<sup>th</sup> June**  
**Clean Air Day – Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> June**  
**National Sports Week 20<sup>th</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup> June**  
**Sports Day – Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> June**  
**Occasional Day – Friday 24<sup>th</sup> June**  
**Reserve Sports Day – Monday 27<sup>th</sup> June**  
**Class Swap Morning – Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> July**  
**Child Shows Parent Sharing of Learning – Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> July**  
**Term Ends – Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> July at 1:30pm**