



Little Hedgehogs Newsletter

Term 1, 2023

Dear Parents & Carers

As many of you are new to the school and the nursery, I would like begin by wishing you all a very warm welcome and to Little Hedgehogs Nursery and Hampton School; we thank you for choosing our nursery for your child. For those of you returning, I would like to thank you for your continuing support and trust in us, working with you to support your child's learning.

We am very aware that, for many of you, this may be a challenging time as it may be the first time you have left your child with different adults. To support you and your child in making this transition, please can you bring in or email some photos of your close family, any pets you may have and your child's favourite toys so that we can make a photo book which can stay in nursery with your child and aid them in settling in. Our email can be found in the 'staying up to date' section of this letter.

Learning in Term 1

This term our topic is 'Once upon a Time'. Learning will include: Listening to a variety of traditional tales and looking at the characters and lessons we can learn from them! We will also be talking about alternative endings and what we would do in those situations! Ongoing activities will include cooking, painting, arts and crafts, imaginative play, singing and dancing, number and shape activities and listening & sound activities.



Spare Clothes/Nappies

Please can we remind you that your child needs to bring a spare set of clothes, including socks to nursery each day in case of any accidents. Please can these be in a named bag and kept on their peg. If your child is still in nappies or pull ups, please can you supply these as well.



Tapestry:

Your child's learning journey with us will be logged on an online journal. Please keep an eye on your emails this week and check your junk mail for a message from Tapestry inviting you to set up access to your account. We would love it if you could upload lots of pictures and comments to contribute to their journal!



Key Workers for New Starters: If your child is new to Little Hedgehogs this term, we will let you know who their key worker is by September 17th.

Voluntary Contribution for Cooking:

Our Little Hedgehogs will continue to enjoy taking part in a cooking activity every other week. In order for us to do this please can we ask parents to pay a voluntary contribution towards the cost of the ingredients if you haven't already done so. This can be placed in a named envelope and labelled "Cooking contribution". The contribution for this term is £2.50. Please inform the nursery staff if there are any foods you do not want your child to eat and any allergies they may have if you haven't already done so.



Staying up to date

We have a page on the Hampton website which can be found under the classes tab. Keep your eyes peeled for photos and information regarding the learning taking place at Nursery.

Our website address is www.hampton.kent.sch.uk.

Should you wish to contact our Nursery via email, the address is jfinch@hampton.kent.sch.uk.

Alternatively, you can call the school office on 01227 372159.

Please do not hesitate to ask if you have any questions or queries. Our nursery staff are available at the beginning and end of the day and we are here to help!





Term Dates 2023-24

Autumn 2023

Term 1

Start: Wed 6th September 2023

Finish: Fri 20th October 2023

Term 2

Start: Tues 31st October 2023

Finish: Wed 20th December 2023

Spring 2024

Term 3

Start: Wed 3rd January 2024

Finish: Fri 9th February 2024

Term 4

Start: Tues 20th February 2024

Finish: Thurs 28th Mar 2024

Summer 2024

Term 5

Start: Mon 15th April 2024

Bank Holiday: Mon 6th May 2024

Finish: Thurs 23rd May 2024

Term 6

Start: Mon 3rd June 2024

Finish: Fri 19th July 2024

Inset Days

Mon 4th Sept 2023

Tues 5th Sept 2023

Fri 2nd Sept 2023

Mon 30th Oct 2023

Mon 19th Feb 2024

Fri 24th May 2024



Nursery Uniform

Nursery uniform is available from the PTA hut which is open on a Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 8.15-9am. The PTA hut is located by the Foundation Stage gate at the front entrance of the school. The jumpers are £10 and t-shirts are £6.00.

We may also have some second hand t-shirts and jumpers available for a small donation. If you are interested please speak to Mrs Finch.

Lunch Boxes

Here at Little Hedgehogs we are very aware of the benefits of a healthy lifestyle and so we would encourage parents to try and make sure lunches are as healthy as possible.

Can we please ask that if you are putting grapes and cherry tomatoes in packed lunches, that you ensure they are cut in half.

PLEASE NOTE - WE ARE A NUT FREE SCHOOL

Many thanks for your understanding and co-operation



Extra Sessions - Some parents have requested extra sessions for their children beyond the funded hours. We are able to accommodate these sessions at the moment at a cost of £15.00 per session. However, as the nursery becomes more full, we may not be able to accommodate the extra sessions you require. The extra sessions can be paid for via 'ParentPay' online.

Meet the Team



Mrs Finch
Nursery Manager, Teacher & SEND



Miss Tull
Deputy Manager



Miss Walder
Key Worker



Mrs Cross
Key Worker



Miss Cuthbert
Learning Assistant