



Nursery News

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Welcome back to Tudhoe Moor Nursery School

Welcome back after our Christmas holiday! A huge thank you for all of your kind words, cards and gifts for staff. I hope you all enjoyed the Christmas concert, the children and staff worked so hard– I am very proud of them all.

I would like to welcome 12 new children who have just joined Tudhoe Moor Nursery this week– I'm sure your child will settle in well and enjoy their time here.

Julia Hymers- Head Teacher

Dates for your diary

Tuesday 28th January	Educational Psychologist drop in sessions
Friday 24th January	Food tasting– Chinese New Year
Tuesday 4th February	School photos
Wednesday 5th February	Bedtime stories at 5pm
Thursday 6th February	
Friday 14th February	Break up for half-term holiday
Monday 24th February	First day back for children

A huge welcome!

Miss Lauren Carpenter has joined our staff team and is working with the children in Blue Group as group leader and key person.

Sadly, Mrs Hart left us at the end of last term– we wish her all the best!

What are we learning this half– term?

Our main theme this half term is looking at Bears. We have chosen some lovely key texts to read per week which are:

- Polar Bear and the Snow Cloud
- Where's my Teddy?
- Brown Bear, Brown Bear
- Peace at Last
- We're Going on a Bear Hunt

We will also be celebrating Chinese New Year (20th– 24th January) with a food tasting session in school.

Children are now learning phonics and following a scheme called 'Read, Write, Inc'. This focuses on the sound that a letter makes rather than the alphabet, for example the letter 'c' (pronounced 'see') makes the sound 'ck'. It is this sound that we teach. This helps children to learn to read and develop their literacy skills.

We are continuing our focus on numbers up to 10 (and beyond) and what these numbers represent. We are using these to add sets of objects together and also taking away.

For our new starters, we have a big focus on sharing stories and learning nursery rhymes with numbers up to five such as Five Little Speckled Frogs, Five Little Ducks etc. We are spending lots of time ensuring that they get used to our rules and routines and joining in with group activities. They are also encouraged to find their own name and attempt to write it on their work.

School photographs

All children will be having their photo taken on Tuesday 4th February. The photographer will be here for most of the day. If parents would like to bring in younger/ older siblings to have a joint photo, please speak to Tracy who will book you a slot.

Photographs will be available to buy in the following weeks after (usually in time for Mother's Day!). A form will be sent home with sample photos for you to look at and a price list for different size photos.

Educational Psychologist

We work extremely closely with many agencies and professionals to help us with your child's development. Vicki Ferguson, an Educational Psychologist will be offering drop-in sessions for parents to discuss any concerns or queries you may have about your child.

For example, you may be concerned about their sleep routine, being a fussy eater or worried they are not making enough progress. If you have any concerns, please contact Tracy who will book you a slot with Vicki.

All information is confidential and no notes are taken.

The session is on Tuesday 28th January between 9.00am and 1.00pm. You will be given a 15 min appointment within this session, or longer if needed. Later appointments may be available on request.

Bedtime Stories

You are invited to join us for a very special 'Bedtime Story' event! This will give you the opportunity to share stories with your child and to hear some new stories read by staff. To make this event extra special we would like to bring your child dressed in their pyjamas with a blanket, a torch and two books. We will have spares of these if anyone needs them.



Wednesday 5th February

OR

Thursday 6th February

Both sessions will start at 5p.m. and should last no longer than 45 minutes

A sign up sheet will go up in the porch for you to choose which day is best for you and to make sure we have enough milk and cookies for everyone!

Children's Bucket List!

We would like our children to experience as many things as possible during their time here at Nursery and have come up with a 'bucket list' of ideas with children completing a challenge each month. During January, all children will be trying a new food to fit in with our theme of Chinese New Year.

We would also like to set a monthly challenge for you to complete at home. Please see the display board in the porch for more details.

January's challenge involves you baking a cake at home. We have printed out two recipes for you to choose from (or feel free to get creative and think of your own!). Please can you complete this during the month of January and bring in a photo that will be displayed in the porch.

Snack money

We ask for a voluntary contribution of £2 per week for 30 hour children and £1 per week for 15 hour children. This money is used to provide a snack for the children in the morning and the afternoon. We also use it to buy additional resources, e.g. items for baking or special activities in nursery; without these contributions we would not be able to do this. You can put your donation in the jelly baby money box on Tracy's desk!