



Nursery News

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Issue 1

Welcome to Tudhoe Moor Nursery School

Hello everyone and welcome to our school!

For our returning families, it's great to have you back with us again. For all of our new families, hello and welcome. We hope that you and your children will love coming to Tudhoe Moor Nursery School and we look forward to them learning lots of new things.

We use these newsletters to keep you up to date with all the exciting things that we've been doing and as a reminder of dates and forthcoming events so that you know what's happening. The newsletter will be e-mailed to all families, uploaded onto our school website and there will be hard copies available in the entrance porch. If you want to know anything but don't have your newsletter you can always ask at school, look on our website or our Facebook page.

Thank you

Miss Amanda Bond—Acting Head Teacher

Staffing update

We are looking forward to welcoming back Mrs Hymers from her maternity leave on Monday 2nd November. Mrs Hymers can't wait to get back and meet our new children and parents!

Dates for your diary

Monday 19th October	Red Group Parent Consultations
Tuesday 20th October	Purple Group Parent Consultations
Wednesday 21st October	Yellow Group Parent Consultations
Thursday 22nd October	Green Group Parent Consultations
Friday 23rd October	Blue Group Parent Consultations
Friday 23rd October	Break up for half term
Monday 2nd November	First day back for children

Breakfast and After School Club

We are working hard to try to reopen our breakfast and after school clubs for longer whilst still following guidance to ensure that we are operating in a Covid safe way.

As of **Monday 2nd of November...**

Breakfast club will be open from 7:30 a.m.

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After school club will be open until 5:30 p.m.



Drop off and pick up

We have been operating a staggered start and finish time for the school day to assist with social distancing and to keep our nursery safe. We are aware that this experience has not been the usual handover we are all used to and we would like to thank you for your support and understanding in these challenging circumstances. We are delighted with the way that the children are now coming confidently into nursery with smiles on their faces. With this in mind, and in line with current guidance and the outlook for the foreseeable future we have made the decision to keep the times as they are now until at least Christmas.



We will be introducing a one-way system to support our queueing system and to avoid people having to cross back over once they have dropped their child off. We are asking that parents enter the nursery via the pedestrian access on Upper Church Street. To exit we request that you go directly into the car park or exit via the pedestrian gate on Tudhoe Moor.

Bicycle shelter



In order to support those families that want to encourage their children to walk to school we have a shelter to store bikes, pushchairs and scooters while their children are at nursery. There is a coded padlock on the shelter, just see Tracy for the code.

Snack money

We politely 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 money box by the front door.



Wellington boots

We are delighted that our new garden is nearly finished and we can't wait to get out there to play and explore. It's getting to that time of year again when we will need wellingtons. We would like to ask if you could please provide your child with a pair of **wellington boots that will stay at nursery** and not come home until the end of the school year. We do have spares at nursery still but with our enhanced cleaning routines we will not have enough for all children at all times.



Star of the Week



Every Friday, we will celebrate one child's achievements from each group. The child will stand up in their group, receive a special certificate and sticker and also go on our wall of fame in the porch! Staff look out for children that have settled well, join in with group time, help tidy up, made a new friend or been a good listener among lots of other reasons.



What are we learning this half-term?

Our main topic this half term is Nursery Rhymes. We are learning rhymes such as Humpty Dumpty, Hickory dickory dock, Hey diddle diddle and Baa baa black sheep.

The children will have the opportunity to take part in lots of different activities to help to develop mark-making and early writing skills; counting and making sets and becoming familiar with the routines and expectations of nursery school. Children will also begin to make new friends and play imaginatively with them.



Parent Consultations

We would like to offer you the opportunity to speak with your child's key worker to discuss how they have settled at nursery and their progress over the first half term. Unfortunately due to the current situation we will be unable to do the consultation face to face. Instead your child's key worker will call you and complete the consultation over the phone. We feel that whilst this is not ideal it is something we must do in order to keep everyone safe. Each group has been allocated a day (see diary dates - page 1) and sign up sheets for time slots will be available from the 5th October. Please speak to a member of staff if you need to request an alternative day.

Names in children's clothes

Please remember to put your child's name in all of their belongings; jumpers, coats, scarves, and shoes. We have several children with the same shoes and jumpers and they can easily be muddled up! Please make sure that you put your child's name in everything to help us dress your children in the right things.

Also if your child comes home in nursery clothes after having an accident here at nursery school please can you return them as soon as possible as we need them regularly.



School places

Most of our children will be leaving us in July 2021 to join Reception at a local Primary school. Applications can be completed online- the portal for this is now open and will close in January 2021. You are required to select up to three schools of your choice and need to pick the order that you would like.

We usually recommend going to visit a few schools before making your decision, however, given the current situation all school will be dealing with admissions differently. You can phone the school directly to find our more. The phone numbers for our main link schools are below:

North Park Primary School	01388 815 943
St Charles RC Primary School	01388 814 285
Tudhoe Colliery Primary School	01388 814 399
Rosa St Primary School	01388 815 427
Oxclose Primary School	01388 814 860
King Street Primary School	01388 816 078
Kirk Merrington Primary School	01388 816 230

Facebook Page

A little reminder that we have a Facebook page; hopefully more families will be able to keep up to date with events and diary dates. There will also be some posts about things that we have been doing that might be of interest...keep watching and like our page. You should have received a letter asking for your consent. Please sign and return this so that we can start posting!



Parents comments

If you have any questions or comments about anything in the newsletter or nursery in general; or you would like further information about anything to do with nursery, please see a member of staff or contact us on: 01388 816112 or e-mail: tudhoemoor.nursery@durhamlearning.net

If you would like to have a more in-depth discussion about anything, you can make an appointment to speak to with your child's key worker or Miss Amanda Bond (Acting Head Teacher). Please book these appointments through Tracy at the office.