

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 Nativity, 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.

Mrs Hymers- Head Teacher

Dates for your diary

Tuesday 4th January	First day back
Tuesday 25th January Wednesday 26th January Thursday 27th January	Bedtime stories at 5pm
Tuesday 1st February	Food tasting- Chinese New Year
W/C 14th February	Parent consultation meetings (letter to follow)
Friday 18th February	Break up for half-term holiday
Monday 28th February	First day back for children

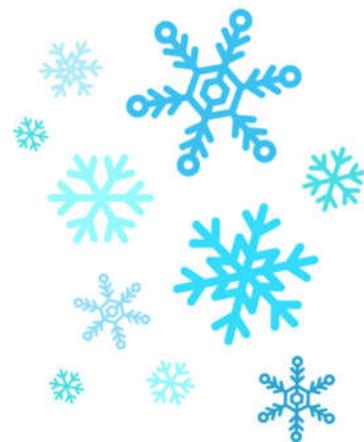
School places- September 2022 only

REMINDER: Applications for your child's place at Primary School close on **Saturday 15th January 2022**. Could you please let Tracy know when you have submitted your application and which schools you have chosen.

If you need any help with applications, please speak to Mrs Hymers or Miss Bond.

What are we learning this half- term?

This half term we are learning about winter. We have chosen some lovely key texts to read such as *The Gruffalo's Child*, *The Polar Bear and the Snow Cloud* and *Lost and found*. We will be becoming 'mini scientists' by taking part in lots of experiments exploring concepts such as freezing, melting, floating and sinking.



We will also be celebrating Chinese New Year (1st February) with a food tasting session in school.

We will be further developing our understanding of number by counting and comparing quantities. We will also be learning about numerals and starting to link these to sets.



For our new starters, we have a big focus on sharing stories and learning nursery rhymes such as *Wind the Bobbin up* and *I'm a Little Teapot*. We will also be singing counting songs with numbers up to five such as *Five Little Snowmen* and *Five Little Snowflakes*.

We are spending lots of time ensuring that children get used to our routines and begin to build relationships within their key worker group and the wider nursery. We will be exploring the nursery environment, both indoors and outdoors and making choices about activities that we would like to try.

Logo



Thank you so much for voting before the holidays for our new school logo. This is the winning design!

Any school uniform ordered from now will have the new logo on it, and you will start to see signs around nursery being updated too.

We hope you like it!

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.



**Tuesday 25th January, Wednesday 26th
January or Thursday 27th January**

All 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!

This event is for our 3 and 4 year olds only– Mrs Hughes will read a bedtime story
with Purple PM (two year olds) during school time.

Parent governor vacancy

We have a vacancy in our governing body for a parent to join us. The governors meet once every term to discuss the school's progress and how it can be improved. Each governor also has a link area in which they meet with Mrs Hymers to discuss and monitor. No previous experience is necessary, but a keen interest in the wellbeing of our pupils is essential.

If you are interested in joining us, please speak to Tracy for more information.

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 money box at the front door.

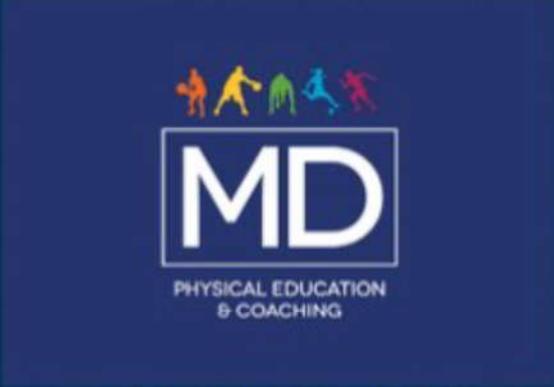
Children's Bucket List!

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 celebrate 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 making your own playdough. We will put a recipe in the porch for you to try. Please can you complete this during the month of January and bring in a photo that will be displayed in the porch.



PRESENTS

BABY BALLERS

Football fun for children aged 3-7.
Focusing on the fundamentals of the game.
New classes (6 week blocks) at Spennymoor Youth & Community Centre on Friday evenings.



Baby Ballers (3-4 years)

Mini Ballers (5-7 years)



For further information contact us on one of the following:
Telephone - 07581071692 Email - mdpeandcoaching@gmail.com
Find us on our new Facebook page - MD PE & Coaching - Baby Ballers

Bank holiday

To celebrate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee, there is an extra bank holiday on Friday 3rd June. As this falls during half term, schools are allowed to pick an extra date to close for the occasion. We have added ours onto the half term holiday meaning that school will break up on Thursday 26th May and return on Tuesday 7th June. Friday 27th May will be taken as the extra bank holiday and Monday 6th June is a planned teacher training day.



Please check out our school website for all of our term dates.