



Newsletter Spring 1 2024

Happy New Year! Welcome back to all our current families and a warm welcome to all the families who are new to Hollytree. We hope you all had a lovely Christmas, and the children are ready for a half term filled with fun and exciting activities.

Our theme for this half term will be "**Keeping Healthy**".

During the half term we will be:

- Thinking about healthy eating, making healthy treats and snacks and sorting foods which are healthy and not healthy.
- Trying lots of different kinds of exercise and thinking about the effect exercise has on our bodies.
- Finding out how tall we are, measuring our feet and printing with our hands!
- Road Safety role play. Talking about how we can keep ourselves safe by the road.
- Having fun in our role play area pretending to be doctors, nurses and shopkeepers.

We will continue with our book of the week, encouraging the children to join in with repeated phrases and then retelling the stories. We will be reading the following books this half term:

- Going on a Bear Hunt
- The Shopping basket
- Peppa Pig's Vegetable Garden
- Oliver's Fruit Salad
- Giraffes can't Dance

We will also be:

- Going on number hunts and practising our counting skills.
- Listening for rhymes and words that begin with the same letter.
- Visiting the library for story times and to change our books.
- Encouraging the children to put their coats on and off and do them up independently!

EYE funding

Funding forms must be returned by **Monday 8th January** to claim funding for your child. If it is the first time you are claiming EYE funding, we need to see a copy of your child's birth certificate. If you are now eligible for 30 hours funding your eligibility code and National Insurance number must be added to your funding form.

Nativity

The children were amazing in our Christmas performance and looked wonderful in their costumes. We raised £90 from the sale of our DVD's and this money contributed to the Christmas party which the children thoroughly enjoyed.

Absences

If your child is absent from pre-school, you must contact us with the reason for absence by 9.00am. You can email info@hollytreepreschool.org.uk or telephone 023 80741410

Toileting

If your child is in nappies, please ensure you send in nappies, wipes and nappy bags. We do not charge any additional fees, so we do not supply these. Please send them in a named bag that can be kept at Pre-school, and we can let you know when they are running low.

We will be encouraging our older children to sort their toileting needs themselves. If your child is going to school this year, please practice at home with them.

Reminders

School applications – If your child is due to start school in September 2022 the closing date for applications is **15th January 2022**

Snack and Healthy Lunchboxes - Please ensure your child brings a piece of fruit each day for snack time. If your child stays for lunch, please ensure they have healthy items in their lunch box. No sweets please. See separate leaflet we will be sending home.

Warm Clothing - Please can we remind you to make sure your child has a warm coat, hat and gloves every day as we do use the outside area in all weathers and go for walks in the local area. Please make sure clothing is named as lots of coats look quite similar!

Toys – We ask that the children **do not** bring in toys from home as they can easily get broken and can cause conflict when other children want to play with them.

If you have any questions or concerns, as always please do not hesitate to come and talk to us. We are always available.

Thank you for your continued support.

Hollytree Staff