



Hollytree Pre-school Newsletter September 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back! We hope you have all had a relaxing and enjoyable summer break and are ready for a busy half term. As always, we have lots planned for the children to keep them busy over the next 7 weeks! We were sad to say goodbye to so many of our older children at the end of the summer term, we are sure they will do well on the next stage of their journey at Infant School and would like to welcome all of our new starters this term!

Themes

Our theme for this half term will be “Nursery Rhymes”

We will be sharing the following Nursery Rhymes:

- Baa Baa Black Sheep
- Humpty Dumpty
- Incy Wincey Spider
- Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star
- Hickory Dickory Dock

Our ‘Books of the Week’ will be:

- Sheep in a Jeep
- Dimity Dumpty
- Aargh Spider!
- Ten Little Stars
- Little Mouse

During the half term we will be:

- Sequencing the rhymes and retelling them.
- Making Humpty Dumpty on the wall, Spiders in Spouts and Handy Sheep!
- Making Humpty Dumpty better in “Humpty's Hospital”!
- Building rockets and exploring Space!

Reminders:

- **Snack:** we have snack as a group at around 10.30 each morning, please ensure your child has a healthy snack – fruit or vegetables, cheese, breadsticks or yoghurt that they can eat independently. Snack should be sent in in a named pot or bag in your child’s book bag so they can easily find it to put in the snack tray. Please do not send crisps or biscuits for snack time.
- Please ensure all jumpers, cardigans, hats and coats are named!
- **Illness:** our policy states that if a child has had sickness and/or diarrhoea they must be kept home for at least **48 hours** after the last bout. Please help us by keeping your child home to reduce the risk of spreading illness.
- All children need to bring a filled water bottle with them each day. Please make sure these are named and easily recognisable to your child. If your child will not drink water, they may bring squash to drink.
- Please ensure all contact details are kept up to date. It is very important that we

have contact numbers – including emergency contact numbers, and up to date email addresses that are accessed regularly as we tend to send letters and information via email.

- If your child has developed any health issues that we are not aware of please let us know so we can update their records.
- Once your child is settled, we do encourage all children to come into preschool on their own, please say goodbye to your child at the top of the path. Staff will be available to help children put away their belongings. We have found the children settle much more easily when they come in independently. At the end of their session staff will see children out safely to their parent/carer so again we ask you to wait for them at the top of the path.
- We would like to encourage our children to be healthy and so ask you to support us by sending healthy lunches into pre-school. Can we also ask you to only provide lunches that are manageable and that your children will enjoy eating! Please supply any cutlery your child may need and please no packets of sweets or chocolate bars. A Healthy Lunch leaflet is available on our website or if you would like a paper copy, please let us know.
- We are a NO NUT setting; please ensure you do not send any loose nuts or products containing peanuts such as peanut butter into preschool.
- Please avoid sending back packs into preschool as we don't have space to store them. Your child should bring their book bag every day, they also need their drink, snack if they are in for the morning session, and lunch if they are in for the afternoon session.
- Nappies – we would encourage potty training your child as early as possible and would expect most children to be using the potty or toilet by the age of 3. If your child is still in nappies please send a named bag with nappies, wipes and nappy sacks in which can be kept at preschool. We will let you know when they are running out.
- Please try to avoid sending toys in with your child, they often get lost or can cause the odd argument amongst the children!

Uniform

We have sweatshirts, t-shirts and book bags in stock. Prices are as follows:

Sweatshirts - £10

T-shirts - £5

Book bags - £5

Payments

We ask that parents make payments for fees, uniform etc by bank transfer wherever possible. Our bank details are:

Hollytree Community Preschool

Sort code: 30-97-14

Account Number: 01510911

If you need to send cash into preschool, can we please ask you to put the correct money into an envelope clearly marked with your child's name and what the payment is for. We are often very busy at the beginning and end of the session and it can be difficult for us to take loose cash. We will send home receipts for payments in your child's book bag.

Many thanks as always for your support

The Hollytree Team.