



# Nursery News

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## Welcome to Tudhoe Moor Nursery School

Hello everyone and welcome to our school!

For our returning families, I hope that you have all had a lovely summer and 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 over the coming year.

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 and when. The newsletter will be e-mailed to all families 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

Julia Hymers– Head Teacher

## Dates for your diary

Wednesday 4th September	First day back for children
Saturday 28th September	School party! 10am till 1pm
Monday 30th September	Parent e-safety training
Friday 18th October	Stay and Play– pre-writing skills
Friday 25th October	Break up for half term
Monday 4th November	First day back for children

## End of the afternoon session

If you need to collect your children early to go to another school for older children please come to nursery between **2:45 and 2:55pm** as children will still be at free-flow during this time and it will not interrupt their group learning time. Other than that we will have to ask you to wait until the end of the session at 3.15pm so as not to disturb other children enjoying the end session.

Thank you for your co-operation

## Star of the Week

Every Friday, we will celebrate one child's achievements from each group. The child will stand up in our assembly, receive a special certificate and sticker and also go on our wall of fame in the porch!

Staff look at 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.

### 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 make sure that you return them as soon as possible as we need them regularly.



### 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!



### 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.

### 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,

e-mail [tudhoemoor.nursery@durhamlearning.net](mailto:tudhoemoor.nursery@durhamlearning.net)

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

### Facebook Page



A little reminder that we now 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!

### What are we learning this half-term?

Our main topic this half term is Fairy tales and we are reading stories such as Goldilocks and the Three Bears, Jack and the Beanstalk, The Enormous Turnip and The Gingerbread Man. We will focus on mark-making, early maths and personal and social development through this topic.

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.

### Stay and Play Day– Friday 18th October

#### **We will be talking about how you can support your child's mark making/writing development**

Our Stay & Play day is a great time to come into nursery and see what your child is learning whilst they are here. The sessions will begin at 9.15am and also 12.45pm so that we can register the children first. The day will be filled with lots of fun activities for you and your child to do together and we will finish each session with some singing. This is an open session; you can come and go as you please.



### E-Safety workshop– Monday 30th September

We have a guest speaker called Paul Hodgkinson from Durham County Council coming to talk to parents about how to keep children safe on the Internet. Staff have recently had this training and found it fascinating. There are lots of tips and advice of how your children can use their tablets and the Internet while remaining safe. I would highly recommend it– all staff learnt something new! Please sign up to say that you are attending. This will be in the porch under 'Parent Notices'.

### Family Fun Day– Saturday 28th September



A reminder that our Family Fun Day is taking place at Nursery between 10am and 1pm. Jack in the Box are joining us for this event and we will have lots of activities, inflatables, bouncy castles, food and drinks available. We are keen to hear your feedback of what we are doing well and what we can do to improve– pop along and chat to our staff.

Fingers crossed for good weather!



### Donations wanted!

We will be holding a bottle and chocolate tombola stall at our Family Fun Day. We would like to ask for donations of chocolates and any bottles that could be used as prizes. The bottles can be anything– shampoo, wine, soap, prosecco etc. Please bring your donations into Nursery and give them to Tracy.

### Our School App

Another way to keep up to date with everything going on in nursery is to download the 'Our School App'. This mobile phone app will allow you to receive reminders for upcoming events so that you never forget. Tracy can help further if needed.

### School places

Most of our children will be leaving us in July 2020 to join Reception at a local Primary school. Applications can be completed online– the portal for this opens on Thursday 12th September 2019 and will close in January 2020. You are required to select up to three schools of your choice and need to pick the order that you would like.

We highly recommend going to visit a few schools before making your decision. You can phone the school directly and ask to make an appointment to go and look around. 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