



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

Julia Hymers- Head Teacher

Dates for your diary

Monday 6th September	First day back for children
Saturday 11th September	Party day! 10am to 1pm
Monday 18th October	Blue group Parent consultations
Tuesday 19th October	Yellow group Parent consultations
Wednesday 20th October	Red group Parent consultations
Thursday 21st October	Purple group Parent consultations
Friday 22nd October	Green group Parent consultations
	Break up for half term
Monday 1st November	First day back

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.



Drop off and pick up

We are trying to get the right balance between maintaining some social distancing alongside returning to some sense of normality. The school day will still be starting with staggered timings. We ask that parents please line up on the main path and say goodbye to the children at the porch door.

At home time, we will be opening the gate to the right hand side of our building at 2.50pm and close this at 3.10pm. Parents can come through this gate and then access the nursery through our back door. You will be able to make your way to your child's group and pick them up from there. You will then exit the building through the porch where you can collect your child's belongings. We hope that this one way system will avoid large gatherings and also give you the chance to speak to your child's key worker.

If you need to pick up an older sibling from school and want to pick up your child earlier, you can come to the main school door **before 2.40pm**. This will allow us to ensure we can get the rest of the children back into group for a final story and head count before main pickup!

If your child attends for mornings, you can line up on the main school path. At 11.45am, the door to the porch will open where you can come in. This will also give you the chance to speak to your child's key worker and collect their belongings.



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.

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. We will be doing these consultations face-to-face however if you would prefer to do it over the phone please let your child's key worker know. Each group has been allocated a day (please see diary dates- page 1) and sign up sheets will be available from 4th October Please let us know if you require a different day.

Party day

Saturday 11th September is our party day! This is an opportunity to meet the staff, for children to explore and to meet other parents. We have a farm, bouncy castle, disco, face painting and tuck shop.

The party is from 10.00am till 1.00pm. Parents will need to stay with their child and older siblings are welcome to come along too!



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.



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.



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 Mrs Julia Hymers (Head Teacher). Please book these appointments through Tracy at the office.

School places

Most of our children will be leaving us in July 2022 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 2022. 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	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!

