

Welcome to Tudhoe Moor Nursery School

Hello everyone and welcome back!

It is lovely to have all of our children back with us once again. This should be another busy half term for us with some lovely activities planned for children. We will try and share as many photos as we can via Tapestry or our Facebook page.

We now no longer require you to wear masks in the building- however you are more than welcome to do so if you prefer

Julia Hymers- Head Teacher

Dates for your diary

Thursday 3rd March	World Book Day
w/c Mon 28th March	Easter bonnet decorating
Tuesday 5th April	Chocolate tombola
Wednesday 6th April	Easter 'Stay and Play'
Friday 8th April	Break up for Easter holidays
Tuesday 19th April	School places offered
Monday 25th April	First day back of school

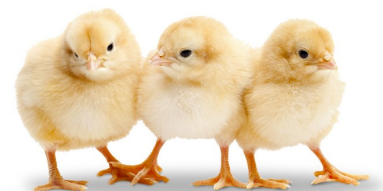
World Book Day

To celebrate this year's World Book Day, please can your child come into nursery wearing their pyjamas (warm ones please!) and bring a teddy and their favourite book. We will run lots of sessions throughout the day for children to share their stories and cuddle up with their teddy.

Please bring outside shoes and a coat so that children can still play outside.

Chicks

We will be hatching chicks from Monday 28th March for around two weeks. Children will be able to watch the different stages of them hatching and hold them. Keep an eye out for photos on Tapestry!



Easter stay and play

Every Easter, we celebrate with children by decorating Easter bonnets and performing some Easter songs too. We will be holding a 'Stay and Play' day on Wednesday 6th April for you to come and join in with some Easter activities and see your child sing at the end of the session. There will be a sign-up sheet with Tracy for you to choose either full AM (9.00am to 11.30am), AM singing only (11.15am to 11.30am), full PM (12.30-2.45pm) or PM singing only (2.30-2.45pm). If your child usually attends after-school club on that day, please speak to Tracy for more information.



We would also like to invite you to come and decorate your child's Easter bonnet with them in school. School will provide the bonnets and decorations. We have the following sessions available for you to sign up to:

Purple AM- Tues 29th March at 11.30am or Wed 30th March at 11.30am.

Purple PM- Tues 29th March at 12.30pm

Red and Blue- Tues 29th March at 3.00pm or Wed 30th March at 3.00pm

Yellow- Tues 29th March at 3.00pm

Green- After-school club will provide open sessions from 3.30pm till 5.15pm on Tues 29th March, Wed 30th March and Thurs 31st March.



If your child attends after-school club, you may choose to attend Green Group's session instead of the one listed for your child's colour group.

Snack Donations



We would like to ask for a donation of £1.00 per week (or £2.00 per week for 30 hours children) to help pay towards our fruit and daily snack. This money also helps us to pay for playdough ingredients and subsidize our parties and school events. Any donations can be given to Tracy or put in the money tin next to the front door. Thank you!

Car Park

Reminder to all parents: you must only park in the 'Visitors' section of the car park. As you enter the car park, all spaces on the right hand side are for Tudhoe Moor Nursery School and Jack in the Box staff only. There are many parents that are parking in the staff section which mean that staff are unable to get parked on a morning.

There are also cases of parents not parking in any space at all and leaving their car in the middle of the car park (sometimes with the engine still running). This is a danger to children and is not allowed.

The disabled parking bay is for blue badge users only, and must be displayed when parking. All other drivers are not to use this space.

There are lots of available spaces on Upper Church Street if the visitors' spaces in the car park become full.

Thank you for your co-operation.



Chocolate tombola

We will be holding a chocolate tombola on Tuesday 5th April outside nursery to help raise funds for our summer party. You can buy tickets from Tracy on the day from 7.30am to 9.00am, then from 12.30pm to 12.45pm. If you are able to donate any Easter eggs or chocolate, we would appreciate this. Please hand them in to the school office no later than Monday 28th March.



School places- September 2022

All school places will be made on Tuesday 19th April through the online account you created when you submitted your child's application. You can log in to see the school your child has been given.

If you wish to accept the place, you do not need to do anything- your child's place is automatically accepted. If you are not happy with the place your child has been offered, you can submit an appeal.



The bread and butter thing.

Introducing The Bread and Butter Thing



- * **Save** over £20 a week on your shopping
- * **New hub opening: 2.30pm, Monday 8th November**
At Spennymoor Youth & Community Centre,
Rushmoor, Merrington View, DL16 6PP
- * **Get your first order free.**



The Bread and Butter Thing offers weekly groceries at a fraction of high street prices. We're opening our new hub at Spennymoor Youth & Community Centre on Monday 8th November.

For £7.50 we offer roughly £35 worth of food each week including fresh fruit and veg, chilled food for the fridge and cupboard staples such as pasta and cereal. We get our supplies from the stuff that you hear about in the news going to waste: it comes from supermarkets, factories and farms.

The food changes daily meaning your bags will change from week to week. Most members tell us that they collect food from TBBT and then 'top up' from the supermarket once they have seen what we provide.

As the bags vary from day to day, some weeks the savings will be greater than others. However, you will always be paying much less than in the shops and have new foods to try. Very occasionally, if food supplies that day are low, we will not have enough for the 3 bags. In this case, we will lower the price. We want you to feel we are making a difference to your weekly food bills.

Give us a try for free. There is no commitment. If you want an order just reply to the weekly text you receive on the day you get it.

It's really easy to sign up to TBBT...

Step 1 - Text 07860 063 304 with your full name, postcode, and the name of the hub you will be collecting from: Spennymoor

Step 2 - Select the size of order you want to receive: Family - £7.50, Individual - £4, or Large Family - £15.

Step 3 - We'll send you a text every Saturday to see if you want an order. Just reply "YES" by 10:00AM the next day. We'll deliver your order to Spennymoor on Mondays at 2.30pm

Step 4 - Collect and pay for your goods from Spennymoor Youth & Community Centre. (Don't forget - someone can collect on your behalf if you can't make it and we also accept Healthy Start Vouchers).



No joining criteria



Cash or card on collection

What are we learning this half-term?

Our main theme this half term is traditional tales.

We will be reading:

- Jack and the Beanstalk
- The Gingerbread Man
- Goldilocks and the Three Bears



We will also be celebrating Mother's Day and Easter with the children.

In Maths we are focusing on numbers up to 10 (and beyond) and what these numbers represent. We will be teaching 2D and 3D shapes and children will be making their own patterns.

We will be using the garden to develop children's physical skills through climbing, ball play and using the parachute. Children will have the opportunity to apply and further develop these gross motor skills through dance and gymnastic in P.E. sessions. We are doing lots of work to develop fine motor skills too which will help children to be able to hold a pencil properly and start to write recognisable letters.

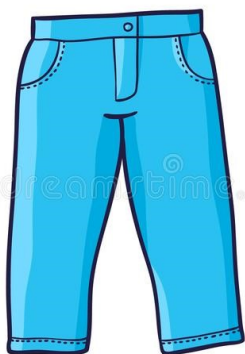
Childcare Choices Tax-Free Account

If you pay for any extra hours (including breakfast and after school club) you may be eligible for 20% free through setting up a government account.

To check eligibility, please go to www.childcarechoices.gov.uk

Tracy or Mrs Hymers are happy to answer any questions you may have.

Clothes Donations



We are extremely short of spare clothes and would like to ask if any parents have old clothes that they would be willing to donate to school.

We are particularly short of trousers (including joggers, leggings etc), underwear for boys and girls and socks.

Thank you so much