

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 sent to all families via ParentMail, 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

Week of 18th September	Library starting
Wednesday 20th September	Forest school starting
Tuesday 26th September	SEN Coffee morning
Friday 27th October	Last day of term
Monday 6th November	Return to nursery

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.



ParentMail

We use an app called ParentMail to send all of our important information and letters. You will receive an email shortly asking you to register for this. Please sign up so that you do not miss anything important!

Library

Children will be able to take home books from our library every week to share and enjoy with their family. Your child will pick a book to take home and will need to return it the following week where it can be changed for a new one. Your child will be given a plastic wallet to take their book home in. Please look after the books that we send home, each book damaged or lost will incur a charge of £5.00 so that we can replace it.

Yellow Group	Mondays
Red group	Mondays
Green group	Thursdays



If your child does not attend on the day listed above, they can change their book on the alternate session.

Tapestry

You will shortly be receiving an email asking you to set up an account for Tapestry. This is a secure system in which we send photos of your child to show you what they have been up to. We usually send around 1 or 2 per week as we try not be stuck to tablets, and would much rather be playing with your children!

Keep an eye out for the email and sign up to see your child's first week photos.

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– please ask at the office for the code.

Little Stars clubs

We offer before and after school club care from 7.45am until 5.30pm. Breakfast Club is charged at £4.00 per session and After School club is £10.00 per session. These can be booked in advance or with no notice too. We try to be as flexible as possible!



BRAND NEW! We have now introduced a mini After School club for those that might not need the full session. If you pick your child up before 4pm, we are now offering a reduced rate of £5.00 per session. Any children staying past this time will be charged at £10.00 as normal.

Star of the Week



Every week, 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.

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!



School places

Many of our children will be leaving us in July 2024 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 2024. 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 out 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	01388 816 230

SEN Coffee Mornings

We have welcomed a new staff member to our team called Linsey Donaldson. Linsey has worked with children with additional needs for over 20 years with Durham County Council, going into local schools and working 1:1 with children. Some of you may recognise her (although she looks very different as she recently shaved her head to raise money for cancer research!) as she has worked with some of our children for many years but is now working with us permanently. Linsey will be working with some of our SEN children (special educational needs) as well as running drop in sessions for parents and coffee mornings.

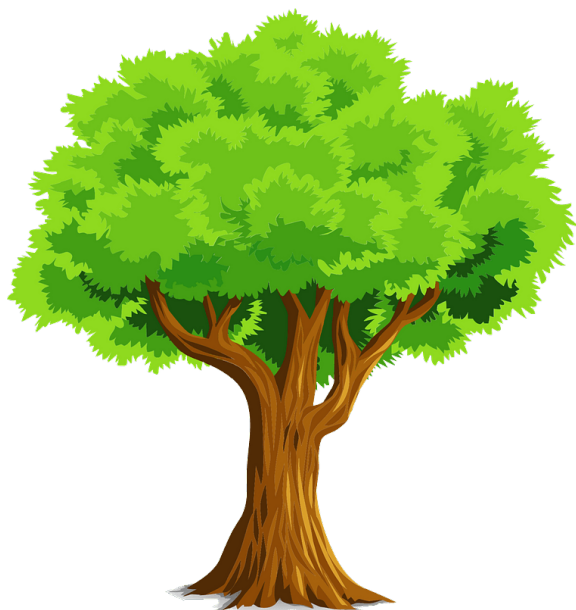
If you ever have a concern about any aspect of your child's development, you can book an appointment with Linsey for any tips or advice.



She will be hosting coffee mornings on the last Tuesday of every month for parents of children with special needs. This will give you a chance to meet other parents, have a chat and unwind. You are welcome to bring your child (and any siblings) along for soft play, toys and more.

Our first coffee morning will be on Tuesday 26th September at 10.00am.

Forest School



Mrs Phillips will be running forest school sessions with our older children starting on Wednesday 27th September. Children will be outside for half a day per week learning about the environment, using tools, planting seeds and lots more!

Each group will have the same session each week. We would like to ask that your child wears suitable clothes on this day. We will provide waterproof protective outerwear for your child which should protect their clothes.

For any questions about what the sessions entail, please speak to Mrs Phillips. Once the sessions start, there will be a floorbook displayed in the porch to see what children have been doing.

Yellow	Wednesday AM
Red	Thursday PM

Our two year olds will start Forest School a little later in the year once they are fully settled.

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 436 000

or e-mail: tudhoemoor.nursery@tudhoemoor.durham.sch.uk

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).