

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 have now separated our newsletters so that this one is just for our three year olds, so should hopefully make it easier to keep track of everything that is happening.

We are sure the half term will fly by! Both Miss Bond and Mrs Phillips will be going on maternity leave at the end of this half-term. We wish them all the best and can't wait to meet their beautiful babies! Mrs Phillips will be returning in January and Miss Bond will be back next April.

Mrs Hymers- Head Teacher

Dates for your diary

Thursday 7th March	World Book Day
Mon 11th March– Fri 15th March	Easter bonnet decorating
Tues 12th-Fri 15th March	Book Fair
Wednesday 20th March	Chocolate tombola
Tuesday 26th March	Easter 'Stay and Play' session– please book!
Wednesday 27th March	Sensory Play Coffee Afternoon
Thursday 28th March	Break up for Easter holidays
Monday 15th April	First day back at school

Chicks

We will be hatching chicks from Monday 18th 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!



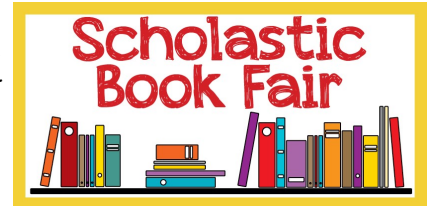


World Book Day– Thursday 7th March

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.

Book Fair

To further promote our love of reading, we have teamed up with Scholastic books to have a book fair in school from Tuesday 12th March until Friday 15th March.



All children will be given a £1 off voucher (to celebrate World Book Day) that can be used at the fair. The fair will be open before and after school, but you can also order online. A percentage of any books bought will also go towards our school fund which helps pay for lots of lovely activities that we do in Nursery.

Competition Time!

To win a £5.00 book voucher to spend at the book fair, please send in a photo of your child reading a book in the most unusual place! The 5 most unusual places will win a voucher. All entries will be displayed in the porch. You can send your photos in already printed, or can email them to us or post on Tapestry and we can print them for you. We can't wait to see them!

Snack money

We ask for a voluntary contribution of £2 per week for full time 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 at the front door.



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' session on Tuesday 26th March from 3.00pm-4.30pm for you to come and join in with some Easter activities and see your child sing.

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:

Monday 11th March to Friday 15th March– 8:45am to 9.30am and 2:30pm to 3:30pm

We also have a later slot available on Wednesday 13th March until 5:00pm.



Don't worry if you can't attend any of these sessions, please let a staff member know and they will decorate a bonnet with your child during their usual nursery sessions.

Chocolate Tombola

We will be holding a chocolate tombola on Wednesday 20th March to help raise funds for our summer party. You can buy tickets on the day from 7:45am to 9:15am. If there are any left we will continue to sell tickets at home time but please be aware they may go quickly! 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 Friday 15th March.



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.

Any concerns?

We're always here to help you with any concerns that you may have. Even if we don't know the answer, we can always point you to someone who will be able to help.

Concerned about your child's progress or worried about their development? Mrs Hymers is our SENDCo and you can book an appointment to speak to her. Linsey Donaldson is extremely experienced in dealing with children with SEN and is happy to offer advice and answer any questions.

Has your child said something that has made you worried? Are you unsafe at home? For anything that worries you or your child you can come and see Mrs Hymers at any time. If she is not available you can also speak to Miss Bond, Mrs Phillips or Miss Franklin. They are all able to help you get the support you need

School places – September 2024

An offer will be sent to parents and carers on Tuesday 16th April 2023 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 offered.

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 will need to contact school admissions.

Who's Who in Threes



Miss Franklin
Key worker
Red



Mrs Phillips
Key worker
Yellow



Mrs Forth
Key worker
Blue



Mrs Hughes
Key worker
Purple



Andrew
SEN Support



Linsey
SEN Support



Mrs Smith
SEN Support



Miss Naisbitt
SEN Support

Sensory Play Coffee Afternoon

Everyone is welcome to Linsey's Sensory play coffee afternoon on Wednesday 27th March at 1pm! Younger siblings are also welcome to join in. It's a great opportunity to meet other parents, have a chat with staff and watch your child play with some of our sensory resources.