

Welcome to Tudhoe Moor Nursery School

Welcome back after our Christmas holiday. I hope you all had a wonderful time and are looking forward to 2025!

I would like to welcome our new children who have just joined Tudhoe Moor Nursery School this week – I'm sure your child will settle in well and enjoy their time here. We are looking forward to getting to know you all and our children can't wait to make some new friends!

This half term is a lot quieter than last one, but still lots of lovely things to look forward to!

Mrs Hymers- Head Teacher

Dates for your diary

Wednesday 11 th February	Parent Consultations (3.00-6.00pm)
Mon 16 th and Tues 17 th February	Bedtime Stories
Tuesday 17 th February	Pancake Day
Wednesday 18 th February	Chinese Food Tasting
Friday 20 th February	Break up for half-term holiday
Monday 2 nd March	First day back

Parent Consultations

Parent consultations will take place on Wednesday 11th February from 3.00pm to 6.00pm. This will give you the opportunity to meet with your child's Key Worker to discuss their progress. If you have any worries or concerns before this time please know you can speak to a staff member at any time. Your child's teacher will contact you to book in a slot that suits you.

Spread the cost!

Our summer holiday club will be open again for the first four weeks of the summer holiday. Chat to Erin now to book a place and spread the cost (rather than a large July invoice!)

Snack Donation



We would like to kindly ask for a donation of £1 per week (or £2 for a 30 hour child) to help pay for our daily snacks and activities. Children have healthy snacks as well as helping to buy playdough ingredients and lots more. You can give your money to Erin in the office or leave it in the tin next to our front door. You can also make payment by bank transfer.

Food Tasting

On Tuesday 17th and Wednesday 18th February, children will be offered a different snack as part of our curriculum. Children will be learning about both Pancake Day and Chinese New Year and so will taste the following items:

- Pancakes- homemade and scotch pancakes
 - Prawn crackers
 - Vegetable spring rolls
 - Noodles

If you would not like your child to take part in this tasting, please let a staff member know and we will give them our usual snack for that day instead.

Bedtime Stories

You are invited to join us for a very special 'Bedtime Story' event! This will give you the opportunity to share stories with your child and to hear some new stories read by staff. To make this event extra special we would like you to bring your child dressed in their pyjamas with a teddy, a blanket, a torch and two books. We will have spares of these if anyone needs them.



Monday 16th or Tuesday 17th February

All sessions will start at 4.30pm and should last no longer than 45 minutes

A sign-up sheet will go up in the porch for you to choose which day is best for you and to make sure we have enough milk and cookies for everyone!

What are we learning about this half-term?

This half term we are learning about transport and looking at different types of vehicles. Children will be doing lots of mark-making and craft activities. The staff will be doing a focus on comparing sizes and colours. We will be further developing our understanding of number by continuing with a number song every week.



In Literacy we are continuing with nursery rhymes such as 'Wheels on the Bus' and other transport related songs. We are encouraging children to ask for help and to begin to learn other children's names in their group.

We will also be celebrating Chinese New Year (Wednesday 18th February) with a food tasting session in school on the same day.

We are spending lots of time ensuring that children get used to our routines and begin to build relationships within their key worker group and the wider nursery. We will be exploring the nursery environment, both indoors and outdoors and making choices about activities that we would like to try.

We will be enjoying the winter weather and teaching children how to dress appropriately for the cold weather as well as developing their independence skills by putting on their own coats and wellies.

Staffing Changes

Unfortunately due to personal circumstances, Mrs Forth will be off until further notice. You may see her popping in from time to time (she can't keep away!) but will not be back to work for the foreseeable future.

We have new staff that have joined us in January:



Miss Sofia Grayson
Apprentice (Twos)



Miss Ellie Darlington
Apprentice (Twos)



Miss Shannon Richardson
Baby Room leader



Miss Kelly Spencer
SEND Practitioner



Miss Ashleigh Storey
Lunchtime Supervisor



Mrs Jenny Maher
Early Years Practitioner
(Returned from mat. leave)

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 436000 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 Hymers. (Head Teacher)