



Nursery News

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Issue 1

Three Year Olds

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 Arbor and uploaded onto our school website. 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

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 make your donation via Arbor.

Dates for your diary

Week of 14 th September	Library and Forest school starting
Tuesday 20 th October	Parent consultations
Friday 23 rd October	Coffee morning
Friday 23 rd October	Last day of term
Monday 2 nd November	Return to nursery

Arbor

We use an app called Arbor 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.



All children will change their book on a **Wednesday**.

If your child is not in on this day, please arrange an alternative day with their key worker.

Tapestry

If you are new to our setting, 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 to 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.

Little Stars Clubs

We offer before and after school club care from 7.30am until 5.30pm. Breakfast Club is charged at £6.00 per session and After School club is £10.00 per session. These can be booked in advance or with minimal notice too (ideally at least the day before) We try to be as flexible as possible!

Breakfast Club 7.30am- 9.00am- £6.00 (food included)

Mini Breakfast Club- 8.15am-9.00am- £3.00 (no food)

After- School Club- 3.00pm-5.30pm- £10.00 (light tea included)

Mini After School Club- 3.00pm- 4.00pm £5.00 (light tea included)

Book your child's place via Arbor.



What are we learning this half-term?

Our main topic this half term is 'My Family'. Children will be talking about who lives in their home, different family members and how all families are different. 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.

Coffee Mornings

On the last Friday of every half term one of our staff members Linsey Donaldson runs a coffee morning for all families. Linsey's role in school is working with children with additional needs. 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 Friday of every half term for all families. 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 Friday 23rd October at 9.00am.



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).

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!

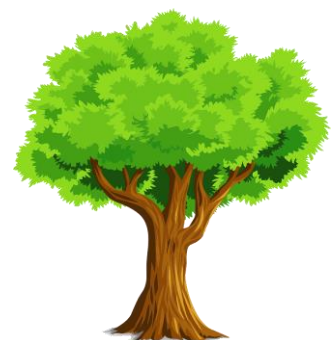
Forest School

Mrs Phillips will be running forest school sessions with our three-year-old children starting in the week of the 14th 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.

Red	Tuesday
Yellow	Tuesday
Purple	Wednesday
Blue	Wednesday



Staff members in Three Year Olds

We have some new and existing staff members. Your child will be allocated a key worker out of the followi



Mrs Phillips
Blue



Mrs Lowes
Yellow



Miss Gallagher
Red



Miss Jenny (M-W)
Purple



Mrs Hughes (W-F)
Purple



Mrs Appleby
Apprentice



Miss Darlington
Apprentice



Linsey
SEND



Andrew
SEND



Mrs Richardson
SEND



Mrs Spencer
SEND



Mrs Smith
SEND

School Places

Many of our children will be leaving us in July 2027 to join Reception at a local primary school. Applications should be completed online – the portal for this is now open and will close in January 2027. You are required to select up to three schools of your choice and need to pick the order you would like them. We usually recommend going to visit a few schools before making your decision. However, all schools will deal with admissions differently. You can phone the schools directly to find out more. The phone numbers are below.

North Park Primary School	01388 815 943
St Charles RC Primary School	01388 814 285
Tudhoe Colliery Primary School	01388 814 399
Rosa St Primary School	01388 815 427
Springmoor Grange Primary School (previously OxClose)	01388 814 860
King Street Primary School	01388 816 078
Kirk Merrington Primary School	01388 816 230

Dropping off and collecting your child

The gate is open between 8.50am and 9.10am for drop offs- any child after this will sign in at the main office.



End of the day collections are from 2.50pm- 3.00pm



If your child attends for mornings, the gates open at 8.45am and pick up is from 11.35am-11.45am only.

If your child attends for afternoons, the gates open at 12.15pm and pick up is until 3.15pm only.

Parents are not allowed to park in the car park at all. The gates are shut to prevent this. If you are dropping off at Breakfast Club, you are allowed to park in the left-hand side of the car park (labelled Visitors). The right-hand side of the car park is for staff only (labelled Staff).

No prams are allowed in the building- empty prams can be left in the pram shelter outside the main office during the child's session. If you have a younger sibling in a pram, they can be left under the shelter with the staff member on gate duty.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

We have been informed by the Early Years Funding Team that the Autumn term will finish earlier than originally planned.

Durham County Council are only able to fund pupils for 14 weeks from September to December and this year's term lasts for longer than this. This means that all funded children (15 hours and 30 hours) will break up on Tuesday 15th December instead of Friday 18th December. If you require your child to be in Nursery for Wed 16th, Thurs 17th or Fri 18th December, this will be at an additional charge of £36.00 per day.

If you need this, please book your child a place on Arbor no later than Friday 23rd October. If you do not require this, your child will break up on Tuesday 15th December where we will have a lovely party day.

Parent consultations

On Tuesday 20th October, you will be offered a 10-minute slot to meet your child's key worker. You will be able to find out how they have settled in to school, what they enjoy playing with and a chance for you to ask any questions that you may have.

Staff will have a sign-up sheet available in the next couple of weeks for you to pick your preferred time slot.

Nursery bag

Please can children bring a bag to nursery with their name on it. This should contain a full set of spare clothes in case they need changed. Your child does not need to bring any snacks or drinks and these are all provided.

Please can you make sure that your child does not have any toys in their bags. Children have free access to the porch and we would not like to see any toys go missing or break.

This also means that any medications should be taken out of children's bags and handed over to a staff member.

If your child wears nappies, please hand these over to a staff member who will put them into our nappy changing room.

