

Pre-2's Newsletter

Welcome to Tudhoe Moor Nursery School

Hello everyone and welcome back!

We have lots of new children starting with us and we hope that you feel welcomed into our setting. This newsletter is sent out in the first week of every half term via the Arbor app and contains all of the key information that you will need to know so please keep an eye out for it!

Mrs Hymers- Head Teacher

Dates for your diary

Wed 7 th , Wed 21 st October or Wed 4 th November	Baby swimming
Wednesday 21 st October	Parent consultations
Friday 23 rd October	Last day of term
Monday 2 nd 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 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.



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.

What are we learning this half-term?

This half term we will be focusing on building key relationships with our babies. It is a big step coming to nursery and our staff want to make sure that the children are as happy and settled as possible.

Communication and Language

- To use sounds and noises to communicate.
- To make eye contact to request something.

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

- To bond with my key worker

Physical Development

- To crawl or walk up the stairs to the slide
- To begin to use cutlery to feed myself with support

Little Stars clubs

We offer before and after school club care from 7.30am until 5.30pm. Breakfast Club is charged at £12.00 per session and After School club is £20.00 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- £12.00 (food included)

Mini Breakfast Club- 8.15am-9.00am- £6.00 (no food)

After- School Club- 3.00pm-5.30pm- £20.00 (light tea included)

Mini After School Club- 3.00pm- 4.00pm £10.00 (light tea included)

Book your child's place via Arbor.



Parent consultations

On Wednesday 21st 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.

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 Mrs Lowes. They are all able to help you get the support you need and contact any agencies that need to know.

Is school closed and you have a safeguarding concern? You can always phone First Contact on **03000 267 979** who are able to help you.



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 £65.00 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.

Who's Who in Babies



Miss Richardson
Room Leader



Miss Watkinson
Early Years Practitioner



Miss Constantine
Apprentice



Mr Donaldson
After School Club



Mrs Towers
After School Club

Swimming

We will be taking our babies on a special trip to the swimming pool at Parkside Bungalows in Spennymoor. The pool will be for our pupils only and is lovely and warm!

All children will be 1:1 with a staff member and only 3 children going at each time. It is a great opportunity for our staff to bond with our babies.

There are three dates that the children will be going- Mrs Richardson will let you know which trip your child will be going on. As with any of our trips, it is optional and your child can stay in nursery if you would prefer they did not attend.

Children will need to bring in a towel, swim wear and any creams or washing products that you would like staff to use when they get out. If your child has any swim nappies that they normally use, we would like to use these too. If not, we have some available in nursery so there is no need to go out and buy any.

