

Nursery News

Hollybush Nursery Unit

Welcome back, we hope you all had a lovely Christmas. We thank you all for your kind wishes, cards and generous and thoughtful gifts to staff before Christmas. We wish you all a very Happy New Year and we look forward to a busy, productive and fun-filled 2024 in Nursery.

January 2024

Theme: Weather

Colours: White / Silver / Grey

Shape: Circle



Applications for Primary One and Nursery

The portal for online applications is now open. The closing date for all applications is **Friday 26th January at 12noon**. Remember you must reapply for your child's place in Nursery if they have another year to do.



Library Books:

We have ordered a library bag for each child and when they arrive the children will be able to take home library books once a week from the class library. We ask you to please look after the bag as we only have one per child for the year. The books will be given out on **Thursday** and they should be returned to school on the following **Tuesday**.

Nursery Playground

We are pleased to say that the refurbishment work on the playground has restarted. The children have been watching the progress through the windows and can't wait to get out and enjoy it, indeed we are all looking forward to its completion.

Events for January:

During our weather theme we usually go on a Weather Walk within the school grounds. We will do this on a suitably wet, windy or snowy day.

Reminders:

Nursery Contribution:

If you are paying termly, the contribution for this term is £20.00. Please ensure all money is in an envelope clearly marked with your child's name. Loose cash should not be handed to staff at the start of sessions.

Tissues: Remember to send in a box of tissues for this term also.



Absences: You must contact the school office on the first day of an absence if your child is off school. All absences are recorded for school records. Please keep in touch with school on a weekly basis regarding your child if they are off for a prolonged period.

Arrival / Pick -up: Try to ensure your child is in Nursery by 8.50am or 12.20pm respectively. Registration will take place during this time and activities for the day will be discussed with the children.

Clothes: We will check the children's bags and let you know if they need replenished. Remember to put names on all items including their change. As we try to go outside everyday the children will need a suitable waterproof coat with a hood; hat and gloves are useful when it is cold, although gloves do sometimes get in the way of play! Remember laced shoes are not suitable for Nursery and if your child wears boots to school we request that you change these when you arrive into more suitable indoor shoes.



February 2024

Theme: Food / Emotions / Chinese New Year

During this month we will focus mainly on food, where it comes from, how it is made, changes that occur when it is cooked, etc. Around St Valentine's Day we will look at different emotions. Chinese New Year falls on the 19th and we will read the story about the Chinese years.



Colour: Multi-colours associated with emotions and food.

Events: during our food theme the children will have the opportunity to smell and taste a variety of foods. Please let me know if there have been any changes with regard to diet or allergies, or any particular dislikes with the food listed below. Although all the children are encouraged to try the food nobody will have to taste anything they really don't want to.

- Pancakes with lemons juice/sugar, jam, chocolate spread
- Sample of Chinese food for Chinese New Year



Dates for February:

The nursery will be closed for mid-term break from Monday 12th - Friday 16th.

Nursery reopens on Monday 19th

Thank you for your continued support.

M. Grace & R. Deery
Nursery Teachers

Songs and Rhymes

Doctor Foster went to Gloucester
In a shower of rain
He stepped in a puddle
Right up to his middle
And never went there again.

It's raining, it's pouring,
The old man is snoring.
He went to bed and bumped his head
And couldn't get up in the morning.

Rain, rain go away, come again another day,
All the children want to play.
Rain, rain go to Spain,
Never show your face again!

There was an old woman tossed up in a basket,
Seventeen times as high as the moon;
And where she was going, I couldn't but ask it,
For under her arm she carried a broom.

Old woman, old woman, old woman, said I,
Where are you going to up so high?
To sweep the cobwebs from the sky!
May I go with you? Aye, by and by.

The wind blows low, the wind blows high,
The rain comes scattering from the sky.
The wind blows low, the wind blows high,
The stars are dropping from the sky.

Rain on the grass and rain on the tree,
Rain on the house top but not on me!

Incy Wincy spider climbed up the water spout.
Down came the rain and washed the spider out.
Out came the sunshine and dried up all the rain,
And Incy Wincy spider climbed up the spout again.

The kites go up, the kites go down,
In and around, all over the town
The children run and jump and play,
Because they love a windy day.
Red sky at night, shepherd's delight.
Red sky in the morning, shepherd's warning.

One misty, moisty morning,
When cloudy was the weather,
I met an old man
Clothed all in leather.

He began to compliment,
And I began to grin,
How do you do, and how do you do,
And how do you do again?

I hear thunder, I hear thunder;
Hark, don't you, hark, don't you?
Pitter - patter raindrops,
Pitter - patter raindrops.
I'm wet through, so are you!

Funny little snowman round and fat,
With his eyes of coal,
And his woolly hat.
Funny little snowman smiles all day,
When the wind is cold and the skies are grey.
Funny little snowman sees the sun,
Quick little snowman, run, run, run!

Rain means puddles! Puddles mean fun.
Splashing in my wellies,
As I jump and run.

Snow means snowballs! Snowballs to throw.
Throw them at the snowman,
In the crisp, deep snow.

Wind means flying! Flying my kite.
Bucking and blowing
As I hold on tight.

Sun means picnics! Barbecues and buns.
Paddling at the seaside
Races to be won.
