



HAREWOOD NURSERY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to another busy half term and the run up to dare I say it . . . CHRISTMAS!!! I don't know who's more excited, us or the children with everything going on this term.

Here's a reminder of a few key dates for your diary:

When	What	Notes
Monday 30 th October 2017	Children return to school	
Friday 17 th November 2017	Children in Need Fundraising  https://bbcchildreninneed.co.uk	Wear something spotty! Bring a donation ☺ There will be a raffle for a Pudsey Bear
Thursday 7 th December 2017	Christmas Fair	3:00 – 6:00 pm all welcome
Friday 15 th December 2017	Christmas Jumper Day and Stay & Play https://christmasjumperday.org	9:00-10:00 / 12:30-1:30 Wear your Christmas jumpers! Donations from sale of refreshments for Save the Children.
Monday 18 th December 2017	Christmas Performances	11:30 / 2:30 all welcome Mince Pies and warm drinks available. There will be a raffle.
Wednesday 20 th December 2017	Christmas Party* and finish for Christmas (<i>Only one session on this day, no additional child care available</i>)	10:30 – 1:30 for ALL children Party Clothes! Food and entertainment provided ☺
Thursday 21 st December to Friday 5 th January 2018 2018 CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY		

Christmas Fair

We are beginning to plan for our Christmas Fair, if you are able to donate a raffle prize or work for a company who may be able to we would be delighted to hear from you.

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If you have Christmas Craft Items that you would like to sell on a stall please come and see me.

Please collect empty jars, any clean unwanted soft toys, bottles of anything for the bottle hoopla and items for the tombola stall.

Bonfirenight

This is an exciting time of year but can also be a dangerous time for small children. Unfortunately not a year goes by without hearing about tragic incidents happening to children all over the country. Please teach your children how to keep safe if you are hosting or going to a bonfire this weekend. Here is a link to a useful website for information on bonfire and firework safety: <http://www.bonfire-night-safety.co.uk>

Here's a list of a few organised events taking place locally, these are often safer and well managed and cheaper than buying your own fireworks!

- Fireworks extravaganza at Ackworth Cricket Club from 5:30, **Friday 3rd** November, funfair rides, stalls, food & drinks available.
- There will be an event at Whitwood Golf Club on **Saturday 4th** with a bar and food available. Non-members are welcome, the bonfire will be lit at 6.30pm and the firework display will start at 8pm.
- Darrington Village Bonfire, **Saturday 4th** at Darrington school 5:30 – 7:00.
- Castleford Tigers are hosting a bonfire on **Sunday 5th** at the Probiz Coliseum on Wheldon Road. Starting at 4:00, the bonfire kicks off at 7pm followed by a firework display at 8pm. Star players will be in attendance alongside club mascot, JT, fairground attractions and food stalls. Advance tickets priced £5 for adults and £3 for children can be purchased from the Tigers' store in Castleford's Carlton Lanes shopping centre.
- Family firework event with little Mix tribute act at King's Croft Hotel, Pontefract on **Sunday 5th** 5pm – 11pm. Tickets £8/£4 under 3's free.
- Bonfire night at The Cobbler, **Sunday 5th**, 6:30 – 8:30 free entry, food available.
- Family Bonfire event **Sunday 5th** at Hemsworth Water Park, 6.30pm, a Guy Fawkes competition at 6.45pm, the bonfire will be lit at 7pm and the fireworks will start at 7.30pm. Car parking will be free.
- Bonfire at The Rustic Arms, Acworth **Monday 6th** November, 6:00 – 9:00

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Christmas Cards

The Christmas Cards designed by the children in Nursery have arrived and they are gorgeous! We are really proud of them and we are confident you will be too. They will be sent home next week.

Reminders

If your child wears nappies, please ensure you send a couple of nappies and enough wet wipes in your child's bag each day as we do change the children during session and never leave a child in a soiled nappy. We do not provide nappies from the school budget.

Please ensure children who are toilet trained have a least one change of underwear and clothes in their bag each day as accidents do happen and children feel much more confident and comfortable when changing into their own clothes rather than our limited collection of spares.

The weather is getting colder and we go out to play every day. Please ensure that your child has suitable footwear and a warm coat and hat with your child's name in. We have waterproof all-in-ones which the children wear over their coats when it's very wet.

If possible please remember your weekly donation of £1 to the snack/baking fund each week, this is running very low and we do want to continue to provide a daily snack for the children and opportunities to cook in school. Thank you.

30 Hours Provision

If your child is in receipt of the funding for 30 hours provision it may be time for you to check or renew your code.

If you think you may be eligible and would like your child to partake in additional sessions in nursery from January it is time to apply for your 11 digit code. Once you have your code come into school to book your sessions. This is on a first come first served basis and places are filling up: www.childcarechoices.gov.uk

Thank you for your continued support.

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