



HAREWOOD NURSERY SCHOOL

Wakefield Metropolitan District Council

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Despite this being our shortest half term of the year we are still packing a lot in! Expect your children to come home telling you all about the things they get up to at school from building snowmen and enjoying a warm hot chocolate to growing vegetables and tasting exotic fruits. We have World Book Day this week, Sports Relief on 23rd March and Mothering Sunday and Easter to prepare for all whilst learning and practicing new things every day!

A recent look at our assessment data with the Governors was really positive, they are pleased with the amount of learning that takes place and with the progress that all the children are making. We hope that you are happy with your child's learning and development and strongly encourage you to speak to your child's key worker if you have any concerns or indeed anything to share with us about your child.

30 Hours

Parents of children who are accessing 30 hours of funded education should now check and renew their eligibility codes. We will need this information by Friday 23rd March in order to process it for your children to continue to access the provision in the summer term from 16th April – 20th July 2018. If any of your information has changed please collect an amendments form from the office to update us on your circumstances. We have been asked to advise you to check junk/spam email as sometimes the renewal notices for parents have been filtered into there.

If you think you might be eligible for the additional hours of nursery provision for the summer term please see: www.childcarechoices.gov.uk or call **0800 587 8042** for information.

If your child is moving from the pre-school class to the nursery class after Easter and you would like to access the 30 hours of provision now is the time to apply.

Here are some familiar reminders from the staff:

Family Library times: Monday and Thursday 11:45 am and 3:15 pm

Thank you to the parents who have kindly agreed to run your library, without you it simply wouldn't happen!

We have had a considerable donation of lovely greetings cards which will be on sale from the library at a bargain price of £2.50 for 10 cards. Each pack has a selection of 10 different cards for all occasions so is well worth the money. All proceeds will go to our school fund.

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If you are worried a child is at risk of harm please contact either of the above or Social care Direct: **01924 303456**

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***** **Kit out your Kids!** *****

Just a reminder to make sure your child has **spare clothes, wellies, warm coat, hat, gloves, indoor shoes, nappies / pull ups and wipes** if applicable in a bag **every day** at school. Please ensure that your **child's name is in everything** and let them know what is theirs. Children often don't know which their own wellies are when faced with several pairs – they often just choose the ones they like best!

Snack Money

Many thanks to those of you who contribute towards the cost of providing snacks for your children. We ask for just £1 per week or whatever you can spare towards this provision. We still only get a few pounds each week and as the year goes on we will struggle to continue to offer daily healthy snacks to the children. We could consider having milk only and no snack, though through experience we find that by mid-morning / afternoon the children are hungry and ready for something to eat. We could ask that parents send a piece of fruit each day with their child to have at snack time.

Dummies

We really don't like to upset children so it is easier for them if you leave their dummies and bottles at home or take them with you when you drop your children off. We do not like children to use their dummies or bottles in school, children cannot learn to talk with something in their mouths and as they put them down, take each other's they are a breeding ground for spreading germs. It is our policy to remove dummies during session times which can sometimes cause upset so we would really rather not have to do it.

Here's a reminder of our key dates and events coming up.

Calendar

When	What	Notes
Thursday 1 st March 2018	World Book Day	Fancy Dress required
Friday 23 rd March 2018	Sport Relief – Sponsored Activity	
Thursday 29 th March to Friday 13 th April 2018	EASTER HOLIDAY	
Monday 16 th April 2018	New children starting school only	
Tuesday 17 th April 2018	All children return to school	
Wednesday 2 nd May 2018	Sponsored event to fundraise for trip	
Monday 7 th May 2018	May Day (no school)	
Friday 25 th May 2018	Stay & Play Day	9:00-10:00 / 12:30-1:30
Monday 28 th May to Friday 1 st May 2018	HALF TERM HOLIDAY	
Monday 4 th June 2018	All children return to school	
Friday 15 th June 2018	School Trip to Cannon Hall Farm	Parents to accompany children
Wednesday 27 th June 2018	Summer Fair	3:00 – 6:00 pm
Wednesday 18 th July 2018	Graduation for Nursery Leavers	11:30 / 2:30

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Thursday 19 th July 2018	Summer Picnic and last day	
Friday 20 th July	Closed for Home Visits	
Monday 23 rd July to Friday 31 st August 2018	SUMMER HOLIDAY	
Monday 3 rd September 2018	INSET	
Tuesday 4 th September 2018	New children starting school only	
Wednesday 5 th September 2018	All children return to school	

There is a link to next year's term dates 2018 / 2019 on our school website:

www.harewood.wakefield.sch.uk

Thank you for your continued support.

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