



HAREWOOD NURSERY SCHOOL

Wakefield Metropolitan District Council



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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to a new term at Harewood Nursery School

I'd like to express a warm welcome to all our new children and their families and welcome back to school to those who have been with us a while already.

I am pleased to say that all the children are settling in nicely to their new classes and routines. The staff are working hard to ensure that your children are happy to come to school and are enjoying their time with us.

Exciting Times . . .

We have lots planned over the coming year and the term including lots of fun activities and lots of learning. We would like you to share your children's adventures too so we have opportunities for children to bring things in from home, opportunities for children to take things home and also our stay and play days for you to come and join in for an hour with the children; more information to follow.

We will also be doing lots of learning outside in our lovely new nursery garden. If any parents, grandparents, friends of Harewood Nursery School have an abundance of herbs in their garden such as lavender, mint, rosemary, lemongrass etc and wouldn't mind donating some it would be a great start for our sensory area.

We have had a lovely summer but the weather will soon change, please ensure that children are prepared to play outside whatever the weather – we have waterproof all-in-ones but children will need their own wellies, hats and gloves.

Help your children to . . .

It would really help us to help your children if you can support their independence with:

- taking off and putting on their shoes and wellies
- taking off and putting on their coats, including turning them the right way round and hanging them on a peg
- going to the toilet, including wiping their own bottoms and washing their hands
- identifying their name in their coats/shoes/ clothes, please ensure that everything has your child's name on
- sit at a table to eat their lunch

Children have a snack mid-morning and again in the afternoon. We do not charge for our daily snacks but we do ask for a voluntary contribution of just **£1 per week** towards the cost, this also goes towards other consumables such as baking ingredients throughout the year.

Designated Safeguarding Lead: Mrs Becky Cook. Deputy DSL: Miss Natalie Godfrey / Mrs Theresa Long.
Safeguarding Governor: Mrs Sarah Conway.

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

Copies of the Safeguarding and Child Protection Policy can be obtained from the school office or downloaded from the website.

In Nursery we will be celebrating . . .

All about Me!

The Letter of The Week! / The Number of The Week! / The Rhyme of The Week / The Story of The Week

You can help your child by talking to them about these each week. We also have a sound collectors table where children are encouraged to bring items from home that have the same initial sound as the sound of the week. Please help your children to find a small item to bring each week.

In Pre-School we will be celebrating . . .

Wild Animals! You can help your child by pointing out and naming different types of animals you see out and about or in books or on the tv.

The Rhyme of The week! This will be posted on the notice board and you can take a copy to share with your child.

I have included a calendar for you and as usual we will remind you or update you on important dates and events throughout the year.

We are all enjoying getting to know your children and working with them, our partnership with you is key to their success and as such we encourage communication between yourselves and your child's key worker. If you would like to speak to them in confidence we are happy for you to make an appointment to come into school. We will of course invite you to school for updates throughout the year. Any questions, please just ask.

Over to you . . .

Our library operates on a Monday and Thursday at 11:45 am and 3:15pm. Some of the parents who ran this last year have now left us as their children have moved to primary school. Could you be our new school librarian? We need at least one parent for the morning session to come to school at around 11:30 to set up and at least one parent for the afternoon session to come to school at 3:00 to set up. Unfortunately this service relies on there being enough parent volunteers to run it. We cannot operate the library without your support.

We have a vacancy on our Governing Board for a parent governor. If you would like more information on how you could support school in this way please come and see me.

Thank you for your continued support.

Kind regards,

Mrs Becky Cook

Headteacher