



PRESCHOOL AND CHILDCARE CLUBS NEWSLETTER

Welcome Back! Happy New Year to you all!

Thank you for all the lovely gifts, biscuits and chocolates, from all of us, to all of you!

Term dates- We will finish this term on Friday 15th February. There will be after school club that day. We return to business as usual on Monday 25th February.

Afterschool Club- If your child attends a club after school, or is going to miss a session or be attending another club, please let us know. It saves staff time, by **not** having to look for a child, or ring you at home/ work to see where they are. This can delay activities starting as it affects staff ratios to cover all areas.

You will be aware that the After School Club is led by different Leaders on different days so I would like to remind you if you have any concerns or questions please either speak to the Leader on the day (Ruth-Mondays, Ali- Tuesdays, Karen-Wednesdays and Sharon Thursday), or email me directly on nhps.manager1@gmail.com.

We were trialing different things last term and attached is a survey the children undertook to capture how they felt about any changes, recording their thoughts about our club. We aim to have a range of activities over the course of each week (some activities are repeated to enable children to experience them if they attend various days). These activities include cooking, crafts, science and a few film nights across the term. The children still have lots of chances to “Play” and socialize both inside and out and the Hive is still to enable the oldest children to have some space of their own. We do however on some days use the Hive differently, such as when we have less children, to enable a film to be watched without interruption or to facilitate craft or cooking.

As you will recognize we work very closely with North Hinksey Primary, and staff are made aware of events and activities happening in school so we aim to compliment them and best support the children in an appropriate way.

If you have any comments about activities, staff, environment etc I'd love to hear from you.

Junk modelling- As many of you know we get through a great deal of junk modelling across all the clubs, so we would be grateful if you could collect and bring in interesting boxes and packaging, to enable all the children to participate!

Old T shirts/ Fleece- I am planning on making some upcycled items with old T shirts and fleeces so if you have some could you please bring them in (see Ruth)

Preschool

Forest School-We will only be running one session a week this term. This is a decision taken by the school to enable the site to recover at this time of year. If your child will be attending Forest school you will receive a letter outlining clothing, timings etc. We would also love some of you to volunteer to help at these sessions. The list will be up in the Canopy from this week.

Outdoor Explorers-We will be restarting with Outdoor explorers this term. If your child is participating in this venture, you will receive a letter in due course. If you have any suggestions for us around places your child may enjoy visiting, or if you would like to come with us, please speak to your key person.

Preschooler's belongings- Please can you check your child's belongings to ensure there are enough things for changes (including shoes) during the day. Please make sure they have warm coats, hats, gloves etc. and suitable footwear, for the time of year.

Please make sure everything is labelled including lunch boxes!! This can just be a handwritten name on the label. We have over 100 children attending our clubs each week so really need your help with this!

Nut-free-Please note we are a nut-free setting, as is the school. If you are providing packed lunches please make sure you cut up grapes and cherry tomatoes. We also ask you don't send juice drinks/ smoothies in for lunch. Children really should be drinking water or milk as recommended to keep them selves and their teeth healthy.

Nappies-Please provide nappies/ wipes and cream if your child is at this stage and discuss toilet training with your key person, when required. It is important we are consistent to help children with this important aspect of their development,

If you have any concerns or would like to discuss anything further please feel free to contact me.

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