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Nursery Weekly Newsletter

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Hello Parents and Carers!

The children have had a wonderful first half term and we are so grateful to you for supporting them with their introduction to school, they have already made a lot of

progress. Thank you for continuing to be patient in waiting for the parents in front of you, and for following social distancing rules. The children have lots of new skills to learn in becoming independent such as putting on coats, finding book bags and collecting their water bottles, all of which can take time. **It would be helpful if you could teach your child to unzip their own coats so that when they come in they can put them on their pegs themselves.**

Watch this video for the 'Coat Trick' to teach children how to put their coat on by themselves: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-FaxBoCvNqM>. Please practice at home!

Next Week is our Half Term break and children will return on Tuesday 2nd November.

During next week: Don't forget to visit your local park and enjoy the great outdoors. There are plenty of autumn leaves and conkers to collect which your child could count and draw. We have now finished our focus books for this half term but we encourage you to follow these links to watch these wonderful stories read aloud:

DearZoo: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZqGYWRHOV6E&t=5s> and *Walking Through The Jungle:*

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rkqYjWMeEL8>. Try to get the children to act out the different animals as we have done in Nursery.

This Week

The children have really enjoyed exploring with different materials to make their own Pumpkins! We have talked about Halloween and looked at traditions involved with this celebration.

After Half-Term

The children will begin Phase 2 phonics and we will be keeping you up-to-date with the focus sounds so that you can support learning at home. We will also be working on name writing, please keep practicing at home! We will also teach the children all about the upcoming celebrations such as Divali and Christmas and we will be creating lots of beautiful art in honour of these.

Nursery Parent Meetings will be happening after the half term.

Punctuality

We would like to remind parents how important punctuality is for your child. If your child misses the start of their session they are missing out on important learning. We would also be grateful if you could please come to collect children on time.

Personal Hygiene

Children should be entering the nursery without nappies or pull-ups. Please support children at home by encouraging them to be independent when going to the toilet. The Children's Centre (next door) may be able to provide support to parents in this area. We ask you to register with them as quickly as possible.

Mobile Phones

The school has decided on a **NO mobile phone policy in school.**

Absences

If your child is going to be absent, for whatever reason, please ensure that you ring the school office by 8.40am on 020 8573 3389 pressing **option 1** and leaving a message, stating your child's full name, class, and reason for absence.

Going home time

Your child's **safety** is **extremely** important to us. Going home time can be a busy time. We therefore ask that you continue to be patient when we are calling your children's names. We also ask that all parents and carers make a **line** at the door, to ensure that all of the children are sent home **safely**. We will also not be able to send your child home if you are using your mobile phone. We will not send your child home if you send a friend to collect your child if you have not informed the office or a member of staff before the end of the session. Therefore please let us know in advance. Thank you.

Applying for your child's Reception place

Please remember to apply for your child's reception place online:

www.hillingdon.gov.uk/schooladmissions

Once you have received your application reference number, please pass it onto a member of the Nursery Team.

Have a lovely half-term holiday

Thank you! ☺

Nursery staff