



The Old School House Nursery

1st half Summer Term 2018 Newsletter

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A Big Welcome back to everyone and hope you all had a super Easter .. hello to Alex, Scarlett, Liliana

This term, continuing with the children's interest in **ANIMALS** as we go to **the JUNGLE!**

Our role play area is a Jungle with plenty of animals (fluffy kind) all under a huge camouflage net.



We will be building dens/caves as we look at those creatures that come out at night.



Thank you to everyone who came and supported The Nursery Easter Egg Hunt event - the rain held off while we 'hunted' and then a few drops as the Hot food arrived and we went under cover.

Massive thank you to The Committee for all their hard work in organising this event. Great fun was had by all, delicious cakes were sold and a huge raffle saw prizes won. Over £300 raised.

New this term - Wrap around care available from 8am each morning. Cost £6. Pay on the door. Breakfast served between 8 - 8.30 am. Speak to a member of staff.

Includes children who attend Helmingham Primary School.



Well done the children raised £245 with our Obstacle races. The children enjoyed weaving in and out, balancing on the beam, going under the new camouflage net and seeing how fast they could go - chalking up each attempt.

Bird Survey - we sent off our findings and have heard the No. 1 Bird is the **HOUSE SPARROW**.

Sound of the Week

Week beginning Sound

Tues 17th April **Ll**

WELCOME BACK

LIONS

Jungle Play Area
Sleeping Lions

Mon 23rd April **Mm**

MONKEY

3 Little Monkeys jumping on the bed / swinging in the trees!

St. Georges Day (23rd)

Mon 30th April **Nn**

NOCTURNAL

Night time animals
Bats

Dens/Caves

Tues 8th May **Oo**

OWLS

Owls Babies/Ozzy Owl
Feather writing/counting
Nest Building

Mon 14th May **Pp**

PANTHERS /

NIGHT TIME CATS

Pete the Cat
Moving like cats
Climbing

Mon 21st May **Qq**

QUIET

Hide & Seek
What can you hear?
'A quiet night in'

Half Term 28th May - 1st June [Nursery Closed]

Summer Term ends on Tuesday 21st July 2018.

A **BIG THANK YOU** to all the parents who help us keep our garden looking so nice and safe for the children to play in. It is much appreciated. New rota now out - check your emails, list also up in the cloakroom. Any queries or advice on what to do - speak to Charlotte.

With something happening everyday at Nursery there is always much excitement -

Mondays	Cooking - usually something tasty for snack time.
Tuesdays	French with lots of activities.
Wednesdays	Dance with Miss Pamela in the Morning
Thursdays	Music in the afternoon /visits to Big School.
Fridays	Woodland walk out and about to see our environment.

Spaces are filling fast at the moment and on some days there is only 1 or 2 spaces at lunch time. So if you need that extra session for a particular reason, want to extend your day please let us know asap.



PARENT / KEY PERSON meetings available - please book a slot in the cloakroom, or if you can't make any of these talk to your Key Person to arrange a convenient time.



EASTER PLAYDAY during the Easter holidays - we had a great time and the Sun shone. We had an Easter Egg Hunt and a Rabbit tail hunt. Decorated 3D chicks to hold a chocolate egg. We iced easter cup cakes and made tasty hot cross buns! Plus we had out all the usual Bikes, Diggers, Tractors, Tec kit, Painting, Castle & Knights, Pirates Ships, sand, mud kitchen and lots and lots of outdoor play.

Look out for the **Summer Playdays** - the dates will be the first two weeks of the Summer Holidays on a Wednesday and Thursday August 1st & 2nd and August 8th & 9th. Don't forget Playdays is open to all those children going to Big School in September and those in reception class who have attended a Playdays while at Nursery.

We are already taking bookings as someone wanted to ensure a place on all four dates. See Heather for more information.

Fundraising activities coming up

CLOTHES FOR CASH

All bags to Nursery by 9 am on Wednesday 3rd May. You are welcome to drop off Mon / Tues.

The Committee are always looking for new members to help with activities - if you would like to become involved please talk to Steph at Nursery.

SUMMER is coming ! Please put sun cream on your child before coming to Nursery - they are far happier if this is done at home and it should last. Also a NAMED sun hat on their peg - they get very used to putting it on before going out. Good footwear as the children enjoy running, climbing in the garden Flip flops, crocs are not really suitable as they fall off and children are more likely to trip.

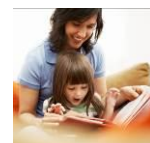
SPORTS DAY this year is on Saturday 23rd June 2018. Lots of stalls, games and races. Hopefully by being on a Saturday the whole family can come and enjoy the event and support the children racing.

Summer Outing to Foxborrow Farm

Our annual outing will see us taking part in all sorts of activities around a favourite book of Nursery, time in the sensory garden and finishing with forest style activities in the coppice. This year will be on Friday 22nd June 2018. Information letter out shortly.

Please remember to choose a book with your child from the selection in the cloakroom each day.

Offers to come and read to a group at the end of a session are warmly welcomed.



School Dinners
Tasty and freshly prepared by Helmingham School Cook.

New Menu displayed in cloakroom, just order on arrival.



WEATHER & OUT DOOR PLAY -
please provide waterproof coat, wellington boots (even in the Summer), sun hat ALL NAMED ! Plus spare FULL set of clothes on your child's peg. Replenish Nappies/Wipes regularly. Thank you.



Some important reminders -

- Don't forget to phone in if your child is unwell and will not be coming into nursery. After being sick your child must be kept away for 48 hours from Nursery.
- 4 year old Reading Books need to be regularly returned. Then a new book will be allocated.
- **With the warmer weather coming please don't forget to put an ice pack in your child's packed lunch.**
- Please keep the 'parent communication' sheet in the book bag and don't hesitate to write to us on it. It is lovely to hear if someone has been out for day, seen a grandparent, found something special whilst in the garden.
- Remember that when your child arrives at Nursery they need to be registered with the Playleader on the door.
- It is extremely important that at this time any **Existing Injuries** are pointed out and in some cases it might be necessary to fill out an Existing Injury Form.

Please remember a full set of the Nursery Policies and Procedures are available to parents in the cloakroom area at all times and can also be found on our website.

GRANT FORMS need to be returned promptly/codes verified etc., to secure funding. Any queries, possible delays speak to Angela.

Early Years Pupil Premium: As part of the grant funding there is an opportunity to opt in for EYPP please think about filling this in if applicable on your Grant Forms when they arrive. These are funds direct from Government that will help the nursery provide more facilities/activities for the children. It has no financial cost to the parents ... all we need is the form signed and returned to Angela. Full confidentiality is maintained. Please look out for it and if you can sign it and return it. Thank you.

If you have something for the next [Newsletter](#) or have an idea we could include [please let Heather](#) know before we break for May half term or email it to nursery for her attention.

Check the [Gardening Rota](#) up in the cloakroom - any queries please [contact Charlotte](#) at Nursery.

