

Newsletter

Hedgehogs – Term 2

Dear Parents/Carers,

We hope you've had a lovely break and feel somewhat ready for the excitement and joy that Term 2 brings!

Curriculum Focus

Our focus theme for Term 2 is **'Hooray for Celebrations!'** Throughout November and December, we will be exploring a variety of different festivals and celebrations from around the world - discovering how people celebrate and the special traditions they share. We will also be encouraging the children to talk about the celebrations they look forward to throughout the year; sharing their own experiences and special family traditions.

We would love your help with this! If you have any photographs of or information about family celebrations that you would be happy to share with us, please send them in. These could include birthdays, Diwali, Hanukkah, Christmas, Eid or any other special occasions that your family celebrates throughout the year. The photographs will provide a lovely opportunity for the children to create a display of their experiences, talk about what makes their celebrations special and learn about the different ways families celebrate together.

Our maths investigations for Term 2 are exploring position and space; subitising (noticing small amounts without counting) 1, 2, 3; repeats within our day-to-day experiences (routines, patterns, stories etc.).

Our focused texts for the term are Doctorsaurus, Ten Little Elves and The Owl and the Star.

General Information

Our nursery session times are as follows:

Morning session: **08:30 – 11:30**

Lunch: **11:30 – 12:30**

Afternoon session: **12:30 – 3:30**

The EYFS gate will close around **8:55am** and be opened around **3:05pm**.

If you need to drop off or pick up outside of those times, please can you let me know so that we can ensure either myself or Miss Glanville are around to answer the gate or have your child ready. Please bear with us if it takes a few minutes to answer the bell.

A member of staff will open the gate at **12:30** for the afternoon session. Due to staff lunchtime and supporting the children during their lunch we are unavailable until **12:30**.



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It is helpful for your child to bring in:

- Water bottle
- Bag with a change of clothes
- Weather appropriate clothing (e.g. hat / coat)
- Packed Lunch (if they are having one)
- Snack (no nuts, crisps or chocolate)

Please name anything sent in, including water bottles and snack pots as children often have the same ones!

Arbor is used for booking lunches and breakfast club. If you are having problems accessing it, please get in touch with the office and they will be able to help.

Forest School

We have fantastic Forest School facilities on site that we are very lucky to be able to access throughout the week. We also generally love being outside whatever the weather and exploring the seasons. If you are able to, it would be incredibly useful to send in some wellies and a puddle suit that we can keep in school and change your child into when we go exploring. Please name anything you send in.

For those children who attend Hedgehogs on Friday morning, Mrs Krzywicka will be covering PPA and she will take them for a Forest School session every week. When possible on Fridays, please can you ensure you have dropped your child off by **9:30am**. After this time Hedgehogs will have left for Forest School and you may need to drop off at the main office.

Communication

Seesaw is our main method of communicating information for both Hedgehogs and any wider school events happening. We also use the journal to share photos of all the exciting things we get up to in Hedgehogs. If you are having difficulty accessing your child's journal please let me know and I can send home a new QR code.

Important Dates:

Where needed, more information will be sent out closer to the time of the event happening.

Monday 2nd November	INSET
Tues 10th & Thurs 12th November	Parent Consultations (book through Arbor)
Friday 4th December	Whole School Reading Café
Weds 9th December @ 9:30am / 2pm	EYFS Christmas Performance
Weds 16th December	Christmas Lunch
Friday 18th December	Last day of term



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Anything Else

As well as any celebration photos that you might be able to send in for our dedicated celebrations display, we would still love to receive a family photo for us to add to our family display.

Who's Who…

There are a few different faces that you will see during drop off and pick up:



Mrs Martin

Hedgehogs Teacher



Mrs Glanville

Hedgehogs TA



Mrs Krzywicka

HLTA – PPA Cover

Miss Dyer

Squirrels Teacher



Miss Gallagher

Squirrels TA
(Mon / Tues)



Mrs Byrom

Squirrels TA
(Weds/Thurs/Fri)



Mr McGarry

Supporting Hedgehogs & Squirrels.
Mon – Thurs AM



Mr Williams

Supporting Hedgehogs & Squirrels.
Mon – Fri AM

If you have any questions or queries at any point, please just get in touch through Seesaw or at drop off/pick up.

Many Thanks

Mrs Martin and Miss Glanville