**Holly Park Nursery**

**Spring term Newsletter**

Welcome back to all of our lovely families. We hope you had a lovely half term and it is nice to see the children getting back into routine. In January we welcomed some new children and their families into the nursery and it has been wonderful seeing how well the children have settled. Please look at the Autumn newsletter on the Nursery page of the school website for extra Nursery information and reminders.

**Nursery Curriculum Days**

We will be having two special curriculum days this half term:

**Wednesday 9th March is Family Day** in the nursery. On this day the children will get a chance to draw pictures of their family, talk about who is in their family and discuss the activities they do together. We would also like the children to share photos of their family.

***We are asking parents to bring in at least one family photograph that their child could talk about. This could be a photo of the whole family or of family members doing an activity together. Please give the photo to one of the nursery adults so that it can be kept safe or you may email a photo to the school office and ask for it to be passed on to Miss Wood. Can we please have your photograph by Tuesday 8th March.***

**Monday 28 March is our Nursery Rhyme Curriculum Day.** On this day the children will be taking part in lots of activities based on their favourite nursery rhymes.

***On this day children must come to nursery dressed as an object or character from their favourite nursery rhyme. Some examples include Humpty Dumpty, Twinkle Twinkle Little Star, Incy Wincy Spider, Little Miss Muffet, Wheels on the bus and Hey Diddle Diddle.***

**Social Media**

You can find Holly Park Nursery on Facebook and also on Instagram (hollypark\_nursery). Here you will be able to see some of the activities that your children are doing in class. Some parents have said that showing the children photos from Instagram/Facebook encourages them to talk about the things they have been learning about. Give it a try!

**Junk Modelling**

The children love making models using a variety of materials and we are sure that you love receiving your child’s creations (especially the really big ones).

If you have empty boxes, cartons, tubes, lids, plastic bottles, paper, card, gift bags, ribbon, string, wool etc… then we would love to take them off your hands. These can be given to any of the nursery adults.

**Mark making**

The children are always mark making. Mark making is early writing. Mark making activities include:

* Painting with water and brushes on the floor outside
* Pushing and pulling cars through paint
* Chalk drawing on the floor
* Making marks in playdough, salt, cornflour
* Drawing/painting on big paper on the floor

The children have been making lots of different types of marks using a variety of mark making tools and we have been encouraging the children to talk about the marks that they make.

We are now working with the children on drawing representative pictures. These are pictures that are starting to look like what they are supposed to e.g. a person with a round head, a body and lines for arms and legs. Please do not draw for your child but try to get them to think about the shapes they need to draw so that their picture is clear. If your child is drawing a car, you could ask; What shape do the wheels need to be? How many windows are you going to draw? What else do cars have on them?

**Clothes donations**

Do you have any clothes that your children have grown out of? We are particularly looking for donations of socks and grey tracksuit bottoms. Please hand any donations to one of the nursery adults. Thank you!

**Nursery places**

We have nursery places available for September 2022 and January 2023. If you know of anyone who would like their child to attend Holly Park Nursery then they can find an application form on the school website. They can also email or call the school and ask for a form to be sent to them. There is no catchment area!

**Extra hours**

Remember you can book your child in to do extra hours at nursery! If you would like a one off breakfast club, lunch time, morning/afternoon session or after school club speak to Miss Wood.

**Planting**

We will be planting vegetables this term and some of the children have asked whether we can plant flowers too. If anyone has any children’s gardening tools, pots/trays, soil or seeds that they do not want then we would be happy to take them off your hands!

**And finally…**

**If you have any worries, questions or you just want to talk to a member of the nursery team about something then please do come to one of us. If it looks like we are busy email the school and we will get back to you as soon as possible. Thank you for your continuous support!**

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