



Nursery Weekly Newsletter – 2nd December

Another busy week has whizzed by in the Nursery with lots going on in the lead up to Christmas. Thank you for taking the time to speak with me this week and last during the Nursery parent consultations and discussing how your child has settled into Nursery life. The children continue to make us feel proud and we would like to take this opportunity to thank our parents/carers again for your continued support during this first term. We'd also like to thank the Christmas elves who came and helped us with our Christmas shopping on Friday; the children had lots of fun choosing a gift for someone special.

Our focus story Kipper's Birthday sparked lots of conversation around the children's birthdays as they shared their own experiences and had lots of fun acting out a party in their play. We had lots of children making party treats in the playdough area, writing cards and invitations and using the language of size as they gave presents to one another too.

Please see below a brief summary of what your child will be up to at school next week as well as a few reminders. If you have any questions, please email office.hisn@hpp.school and we will get back to you as quickly as possible.

Over the next few weeks we will be focusing on:

- Getting to know our friends and teachers and learning their names
- The rules and routines in our classroom/garden
- Taking responsibility for our belongings and where things belong in our environment
- Managing our toileting needs independently
- Learning how to use the Nursery resources and discovering through play and exploration



Next week we will focus on the 'Stick Man' by Julia Donaldson. Can Stick Man get home in time for Christmas? Alongside the story we will be talking about how Christmas is celebrated and enjoying lots of Christmas activities over the next two weeks. With the help of Stick Man and his family, the children will also be thinking about how Christmas is a special time for family.

The ZONES of Regulation

We have been continuing to use the Zones of Regulation to help us to identify what we are feeling and ways in which we can handle our emotions. Please see the image for information about the coloured zones and the feelings they represent.

Blue Zone Sad Bored Tired Sick	Green Zone Happy Focused Calm Proud	Yellow Zone Worried Frustrated Silly Excited	Red Zone overjoyed/Elated Panicked Angry Terrified



When do we celebrate?
What are special times
for our family and how do
we celebrate together?

Time to talk: We know how important talking at home is for exposing children to a wide range of vocabulary and ideas. This not only helps them with their reading and to become future writers, but also supports the children when expressing themselves. An idea this week is to talk about special times or celebrations in your family.

Week beginning 5th December

- In maths we will be working on the one to one counting principle. This involves children assigning one number name to each object that is being counted. Children need to ensure that they count each object that is being counted only once ensuring that they have counted every object. Children will sometimes count objects more than once or miss an object out that needs to be counted. You can support this at home by encouraging your child to line up objects and touch each one as they count, saying one number name for each object. This will also avoid children counting more quickly than they touch the objects which again shows that they have not grasped one-one correspondence.
- In phonics we are working on our listening skills. We have been focusing on general sound discrimination and have been working on our ability to listen to and remember sounds.
- Expanding Our Vocabulary (EOV): Children's language development is a key area in our curriculum. We select key vocabulary linked to our learning and story focus to share with the children. For the next two weeks our words will be: birthday, celebrate and size.

Some important information and reminders:

- **Friday 9th December:** We would like to invite you to come and join us for our Nursery Christmas Singing to share some festive songs that the children have been learning. **Morning Nursery** will be sharing their songs **at 11.00am** and **Afternoon Nursery** will be **at 2.30pm**. Children are invited to wear a Christmas jumper and their own clothes on this day. You are welcome to take your child home after the singing has ended. For further information please refer to the letter which has been sent out about this for more details. Thank you.
- **Tuesday 13th December:** Nursery Christmas Party - children may come **dressed in their party clothes** and bring a festive **nut free snack** to eat at the party. **Please ensure this is in a named bag or container.** Please also ensure your child's footwear is suitable for inside and outside play.
- **Thursday 15th December:** Please note that **Nursery finishes** for the end of term on **Thursday 15th December** at the normal times. Therefore there will be no Nursery on Friday 16th December.
- **Hand hygiene:** Please spend some time at home reinforcing the importance of hand hygiene with your child and modelling to them how to wash and dry their hands. In addition, please show your child how to cover their mouths when coughing and talk to them about using a tissue when sneezing.



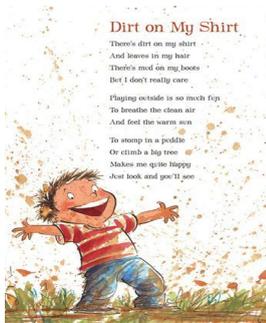
- **Spare change of clothes:** We are running low on the spare clothes we have sent home when children have needed to be changed. Please ensure that they are washed and returned to us as soon as possible. We ask that you keep a spare change of clothes in your child's book bag at all times should we need to use them. Thank you.
- **Independent dressing:** Please spend some time practising dressing independently at home with your child. This includes putting a jumper or cardigan on and being able to put their coat on and off too. Please also practise the zip with your child and how to turn their sleeves round the correct way when inside out. Thank you.
- **Dropping off and collecting your child:** Please note the times for morning Nursery are 8.30-11.30 and afternoon Nursery times are 12.30-3.30. Please ensure you arrive promptly and on time as arriving late is unsettling for the children. We ask that you drop your child off at the door and leave promptly afterwards. Whilst we are settling the children it can be very distressing for them to see parents lingering or watching on. It is also overwhelming for children when lots of adults are standing in the walkway by the nursery door to the classroom. We thank you for your support and cooperation with this.
- **End of the day pick up:** Whilst we are learning to match the children to the correct adult, please be patient. When you reach the front of the line please ask for your child by name - this will help to support us as we learn to match adult faces to their child. Thank you.

Things to bring to school:

- **Raincoat** - just a little reminder that your child should come to school with a **coat each day** as we are always out in the garden even if it is raining.
- **A pair of wellies** - we ask that each child bring a pair of wellies to school (labelled with their name) which will be left at Nursery so that during the wet months the children have appropriate footwear whilst in the garden.
- **Water bottle** - please make sure these are named and are filled with water only.
- **Red School Book bag** - please make sure these are named.
- **Spare change of clothes:** Please remember to send in a **labelled, spare change of clothes to be kept in your child's book bag**. Providing clothes from home ensures that your child feels more comfortable as the uniform/underwear belongs to them and fits them correctly should they need to be changed.
- **Labelling belongings:** Please be reminded to label **all** of your child's belongings including coats, cardigans, jumpers, hats and water bottles.
- **Nursery Amazon wish list:** We have begun to receive resources from our Amazon wish list and would like to say a big THANK YOU to our families for helping us to improve our learning environment. The children have already begun to benefit from the resources you have purchased and we are so incredibly grateful to you for supporting us in improving the children's learning experiences at school. We would love to receive any of the items on our wish list and want to take this opportunity to thank you in advance for any purchases you make.
- **Milk list:** At snack time, there is an option for your child to have milk free of charge. If you would like your child to be on the milk list, please go to the 'Cool



Milk' website and register your child. If you register before 5pm on a Tuesday, your child will start receiving milk from the following week. Please follow this link for more information: <https://www.coolmilk.com/parents/>



Play in the Nursery: Play is a fundamental part of our approach to Early Years here at Hampton Infant School and Nursery. We offer the children opportunities to explore, get messy, make, create, move, discover, experiment, talk and more. Our mud kitchen, sand and water provision are popular places in our Nursery and offer a huge range of learning opportunities. Your child's clothing may get wet, dirty or a little messy in the process of learning but it helps to show you what your child has been engaged with and learning whilst at Nursery. We thank you for your support and understanding in this.