



# Nursery Newsletter



Holybrook Primary  
School  
November 2019



## Autumn leaves are falling down



Staff in Nursery are as follows:

Mrs Kelly Baird - Nursery Teacher

Mrs Kelly Wilkinson - Teaching Assistant

Dates to Remember

School breaks up on **Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December 2019** and returns  
**Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2020**

### Library Visit

Our visit to Eccleshill Library on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November in the morning was a huge success. The children were so excited to travel on the school minibus and loved looking out of the window at the familiar buildings we passed. Jenna our story-teller was wonderful in using props to spark the children's imagination and really encouraged them to be involved in telling the story 'The Little Red Hen'. We continued the story in Nursery for the week and the children loved making the bread just like the baker in the story

### School Application Forms

Last week I handed out an information booklet on how to apply for your child's school place. The application process opens online on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> November and closes 15<sup>th</sup> January 2020. If you need any help or advice regarding the application process please speak to us and we will do our utmost to help.

The BBC website has helpful hints on preparing your child for starting school.

[www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/collections/starting-primary-school](http://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/collections/starting-primary-school)

### Nursery News

The children have settle so well into Nursery since September. They are familiar with the routine and expectations and are so keen to learn and join in all aspect of Nursery life. Every morning we talk about the weather, we discuss what day it is and count how many children we have in Nursery. The children then use our number line to make the number they have counted. All these activities develop the children's confidence to talk in a large group, notice their surroundings and also count for a purpose. This is then followed by topic work linked to a story. At the end of the session the children then have either a maths focus or speaking and listening focus. Again the children are encouraged to join in, which they do whole heartedly. Mrs Wilkinson and I are so proud of all the children in Nursery, they are a pleasure to teach. The children's target for this half term is: **To be able to put on and take off their own coat.**

### Topic



Last week our focus story was 'The Little Red Hen' due to morning children visiting the Library. This week we have begun our new topic of 'Journeys'. We will begin our topic by reading the book 'The Journey Home From Grandpa's'. Children will be able to retell the story using props, they will be introduced to more descriptive words in the book and the rhythm of the story. We will then move onto the story of 'Q Pootle 5'. Children will focus on their own immediate surrounding area, we will use maps and Google Earth to identify places and different landscapes. This will be supported with local walks to bring what they see in the classroom to life. By December we will leading into more of a Christmas theme. We will the learning the traditional Christmas story and Christmas songs. The children will make decorations for our tree and for home, make cards and join in the school celebration of Christmas. We will be having our annual Christmas craft afternoon, which we will open to new families to Nursery and Reception class. Dates of Nursery Christmas party, concerts, craft afternoons and any other special events and activities for you to be involved in will be released closer to the time. Forest school will continue this half term on a Friday. We make sure the children are well wrapped up and wear waterproofs. By taking the children out of a classroom, they are able to use the knowledge and skills they learn in a classroom and apply it in their new environment. It is one of our favourite times of the week, not just for the children but for the staff too.

**Please remember to send your child to school with a pair of wellies in a bag every Friday.**

And finally, please don't forget to let us know if your child is ill. You can ring us on **01274 611327**

**PLEASE REMEMBER! NO ONE UNDER OF THE AGE OF 16 IS ALLOWED TO PICK YOUR CHILD UP FROM NURSERY.**

**PLEASE REMEMBER TO KEEP YOUR 'NAMED PERSON TO COLLECT' FORM UPDATED. IF THEY ARE NOT ON THE LIST, THEY WILL NOT ALLOWED TO COLLECT YOUR CHILD!**



