

Holmewood, Maytree and Triangle Nursery Schools' Federation

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Spring Newsletter 1

A **belated warm welcome** to the spring term, it hard to believe that we are already in week four and that half term break is on its way.

As we are now settled, we thought a few reminders would be helpful:

Gate Security to ensure the children are safe and secure please remember to close the gate with the red latch and cow bell, situated by the school office, at all times. Never allow your child to operate or climb the gates to release the catch.

On no account should children be allowed to press the black button to release the main entrance black gates into the car park.

Food. Please do not allow your child to have food when coming into nursery and they should not have food items in their pocket for eating later as the food may pose a danger to the other children with severe allergies.

Punctuality. It is important to arrive promptly. If you arrive 15 minutes after the start of the session (9.30 am or 1.00 pm for the main nursery), please go to the office with your child to register, before going to the classroom. If you do not, they may not be registered in a safe and timely manner. This is important in case of a fire drill or alarm.

Absences. Please remember to keep us informed of any absences. At this time of the year, lots of colds and coughs continue to circulate, viruses spread very quickly, not just to other children but to staff which results in staff shortages due to illness. Please do not bring your child to school if they are unwell as it is distressing for them and they do not enjoy being at nursery when unwell. If you have any doubts about whether your child is fit for school, visit your GP for advice or ring the school to check on our guidance for illness exclusion periods.

Clothing. Please ensure children wear clothing that is safe and practical for running and climbing outdoors; dressing up clothes can hinder movement. Children should be wearing suitable shoes and coats for the day.

Spare Clothing. Please remember to return any nursery loaned clothing as we have run out of emergency spares. All children should have their own spare set of clothes on their peg in case of accidents.

Dinner money payments. Please check your dinner money balance in the office. Dinner money should be paid in advance, £2.31 per day or £11.55 per week. You can pay in the office or use a BACS transfer. **Free School Meals** – if you think your child might be entitled to free meals, you must collect a form from Jade in the office to complete and return as soon as possible.

Emergency Contacts must be kept up to date – Parents/carers often change mobile providers and forget to inform us of the new number, if you have changed any details (telephone numbers and email addresses.), advise the office immediately. Please also ensure we have the correct email and home addresses. When an emergency occurs we need to contact you immediately, and this may also be by text or email. The distress caused to a child because of delays can be easily avoided by being thoughtful about your contact list: contacts should be local and available to collect your child when necessary. Children under 14 years of age are not permitted to collect a child from Holmewood or the Treehouse Children’s Centre. Your security Password must be given to anyone collecting your child who is not listed on your contact form and you must ring us in advance to advise us of the name of the person collecting your child.

Breakfast and Afterschool Clubs. Breakfast club and afterschool club are available on a regular or ad hoc basis. Booking may be made on the day provided there is space available, Breakfast club is from 7.45 and costs £6.00, afterschool club is from 3.15 -6.00 and costs £12.00.

School Fund

The school fund is an important voluntary donation that we use to enrich the provision for your children. We use it to buy daily fruit, improve the library and organise special events such as visits by authors. We suggest £1.00 per week for part time children and £2.00 for full time children. Last week we received £36.42. Please remember how important your weekly donations are.

Tree House Children’s Centre. The children’s centre offers a variety of activities to support families and parenting in our community and you are always welcome to visit the centre or ask in the office for a copy of the latest timetable

Working together - Parents & Carers are welcome to help or contribute to events in the nursery, if you are available and would like to help occasionally with outings or activities, please mention it to a member of the classroom staff.

If you have any ideas of ways to improve our provision, please don’t hesitate to share them: drop a note into the comment box, located outside the school office; leave a note in the office; send an email to; admin@holmewood-nurseryschool.org.uk.

Dates for your Diary

- Friday 9th February – last day before half term
- Monday 12th – Friday 16th February – Half Term
- Monday 19th February. Children Return to School
- 19th February the start of Maths Celebration Week
- Wednesday 28th March – Children finish at the usual time
- Thursday 29th March – Parent Conferencing
- Friday 30th March Easter Holidays
- Tuesday 17th April – Children return to school at their usual times