

NURSERY PORTRAITS - Tuesday 26th March

We are very pleased to advise that our external photographers will be in school on **Tuesday 26th March** to take individual pupil photographs of nursery children who joined us in Spring term and those who missed out on the opportunity during the Autumn session. The photographs will be taken during the morning session. You will have the option to purchase these photos, details of which will follow shortly after the photo day.



Children who joined HEN in Spring 2024 and attending Tuesday morning session

If your child has joined Hordle Explorers since January term and is due to be in the nursery between 9am-12pm on Tuesday 26th March the team will take the children to have their photographs taken throughout the morning. Please drop your child at their room as usual.

If your child has joined HEN since January but does not usually attend the nursery on Tuesday morning or your child missed out on nursery portraits in Autumn

Parents will have an opportunity to bring child/ren to the photograph session between 8:45-9:30am on Tuesday 26th March. Please complete this **form** to confirm attendance if you wish to join us.

Please note photographs will be taken on first come first served basis and you may be required to queue. Parents of children attending the photograph session must remain on the school site for the duration.

Please complete the form by Friday 22nd March, when the bookings will close.

Unfortunately no sibling photographs will be offered on this occasion.

TEMPORARY NEST RELOCATION

Due to essential maintenance work that needs to be carried out, Team Nest have relocated to the HEN classroom from this week.

Please drop and pick up your child at the HEN room gate (accessed via the school drive at the front of the school) each day until otherwise informed.

We hope to reopen Nest w/c 11th March but we will advise families when we know more. In the meantime please ensure that anyone on your child's pick up protocol has been made aware of this change.

Thank you for your understanding whilst we undertake this work.

Team Nest

REMINDER

IMPORTANT DEN CHANGE OF HOURS

Thank you to those parents who completed The Den opening hours consultation that was sent out in November, we had a very good response rate to this survey and it was extremely helpful to hear your views and understand how you use The Den for your child.

The findings of the consultation were shared with Governors at a meeting last week and after much deliberation it has been agreed that The Den closing time will move from 6pm to 5.30pm (Mondays-Thursdays, with the current finish time of 5pm to remain in place on Fridays). Whilst we appreciate that the earlier finish will impact upon a small number of our families who use the 6pm session more regularly, sadly we cannot continue to run until 6pm as it is no longer financially viable for us to do so. From your feedback, we are aware that offering a session time to 5.30pm will be helpful to some families and we hope that parents understand our reasons for making this decision.

This change will not come into effect until 15th April 2024 (Summer term) to provide families with sufficient time to make arrangements.

If you have any questions or concerns please email hen@hordleprimary.co.uk

Thank you in advance for your understanding.

Team Den



IMPORTANT FUNDING INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

EYE funding enables nurseries to claim up to 38 weeks funding per year and Hordle Explorers Nursery opens 39 weeks per year. This means that there is a shortfall in funding over the course of the year which results in our funded children receiving an invoice.

The maximum number of hours and weeks we can claim per term does vary year on year and when your child exceeds these hours, parents will be charged for sessions at our standard hourly rate of £7.50 per hour.

This academic year the shortfall has occurred in Spring and we have claimed funding for 11 weeks of a 12 week term. A further invoice may be incurred for some families in Summer term if your child has run out of claimable hours at this point (this depends upon your child's funding start date and the number of hours they attend).

Please plan ahead for this and note that non-attendance or a request for a reduction of hours will NOT be accepted in lieu of payment. Please note that families are not charged for Inset Days and Bank Holidays and therefore any invoices will take these days into account and will be reduced accordingly.

BAG 2 SCHOOL COLLECTION

PATCH are pleased to announce that they have raised an amazing £440 at this week's Bag 2 School collection. Thank you for all your donations.

IMPORTANT DATES

NEW DATES ARE IN **BOLD**

MARCH INSET DAY

PATCH MOTHER'S DAY EVENT

NURSERY PORTRAITS

EASTER HOLIDAY

SUMMER TERM 1 START

SUMMER HALF TERM HOLIDAY

LAST DAY OF SUMMER TERM

MONDAY 4TH MARCH (NURSERY CLOSED, DEN OPEN)

FRIDAY 8TH MARCH

TUESDAY 26TH MARCH

FRIDAY 29TH MARCH - FRIDAY 12TH APRIL

MONDAY 15TH APRIL

MONDAY 27TH - FRIDAY 31ST MAY

TUESDAY 23RD JULY, 1PM FINISH