

# HORDLE EXPLORERS

# Nursery Note

Monday 11th December 2023



## INVOICES - SPRING TERM 2024

We have not received an essential funding report from Hampshire County Council that allows us to process nursery invoices, therefore Spring term 2024 invoices will be sent out to all parents in the New Year. This invoice is for all sessions booked from Wednesday 3rd January to Thursday 28th March 2024.

If you would like to pay in 2 instalments, the first 50% is due by **Monday 8th January** and the second 50% is due by **Friday 16th February 2024**.

**Please note that a £20 surcharge will apply for late payments so please ensure timely payments are arranged to avoid unnecessary additional fees.**

If you are receiving a £0 invoice, your child is fully funded and no additional charges are due. This invoice is for your records only.

### Payment methods:

Please see the email sent with your invoice for details on the various options available for making payment. Please note that if you are paying by Tax Free Childcare Scheme, we must receive your unique TFC code BEFORE you make a payment to us.

If you are paying by Childcare Vouchers please send an email to [hen@hordleprimary.co.uk](mailto:hen@hordleprimary.co.uk) to advise that you have made a payment so that we can make the Hampshire Accounts team aware to enable payment to be allocated to Hordle Explorers.

*If you have any questions regarding your invoice please do not hesitate to get in contact.*

## IMPORTANT FUNDING INFORMATION FOR PARENTS FOR SPRING TERM

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 will occur in Spring as we will claim 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.

# WINTER IN TEAM WILD & NEST

The weather is certainly getting much colder now and we have had quite a lot of rain recently. We have put together what we hope is a useful guide on clothing for winter outdoor play, specifically for children in Team Wild. Children in Team Nest spend much of their time outside too, so please provide warm clothing, waterproofs and wellies for their sessions. Please don't forget to provide spare clothes in the children's bags.

If you have any questions at all please speak to a member of the Team.

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### The Wild | Winter DRESS GUIDE

Team Wild has lots of play and learning that the children enjoy outside whatever the weather. Wearing the right clothes for the season helps to keep them comfortable and happy in their play.



Base Layer	Mid Layer	Outer Layer	Spares in bag
UNDERWEAR VEST NORMAL SOCKS TIGHTS / LEGGINGS	JOGGING BOTTOMS T-SHIRT AND LONG SLEEVE T-SHIRT WARM JUMPER THICK SOCKS	WATERPROOF COAT WATERPROOF TROUSERS (NO ALL-IN-ONES) WELLIES / WINTER BOOTS WELLY SOCKS	WARM COAT HAT GLOVES / MITTENS PLENTY OF EXTRA SPARES
<b>TOP TIP</b> Base layers are really important for insulating the body and keeping warm.	<b>TOP TIP</b> Mid layers are easy to layer up for colder days & create warm pockets around the child.	<b>TOP TIP</b> Waterproof layers keep the winter elements out so children stay dry and warm.	<b>TOP TIP</b> Layers made with fleece or wool are great for keeping children warm.



## LAST DAY OF TERM - EARLY FINISH

The school and nursery will close at **1pm** on the last day of term - **Friday 15th December**.

The Den After School Club will be available for those unable to collect at 1pm. Please email [hen@hordleprimary.co.uk](mailto:hen@hordleprimary.co.uk) if you require The Den on Friday and you have not already booked.

## Wednesday 13th December

### CHRISTMAS PARTY

If your child, normally attends nursery on Wednesday afternoon, they will be included in a joint Wild & Nest Christmas party, which will be held in the Nest room. All children are invited to wear a Christmassy top / jumper and we ask please that all children come in with a pair of trainers in their bag, to allow them to participate in party games.

Please bring your child in their usual waterproofs and wellies as morning activities will be as usual for both settings. If your child isn't in on Wednesday, please do not worry, there are similar fun Christmassy activities going on everyday during our last week of term, so no one misses out.

### CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY

Children in nursery are invited to take part in Christmas Jumper Day on Wednesday. They will also be enjoying Christmas festivities in their nursery setting throughout the day.

### CHRISTMAS LUNCH

If you have booked for your nursery child to join a school sibling at the Christmas lunch on Wednesday, please ensure you collect your nursery child from Wild/Nest before making your way to the school hall (hot lunch) or Church gate entrance (Festive Packed lunch) for your meal slot.

## NURSERY PORTRAITS

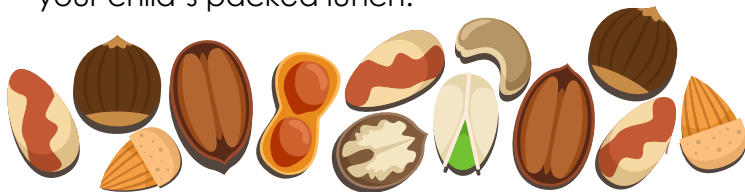
If your child had their photograph taken on Friday 24th November the photo orders have now been delivered and will be distributed this week during nursery pick up.

If you have any questions please email [hen@hordleprimary.co.uk](mailto:hen@hordleprimary.co.uk)



## NUT FREE ZONE

Please remember that we are a nut and sesame free nursery due to some severe allergies within both school and nursery. This includes desserts such as Battenburg and Bakewell, hummus and many cereal bars - please check ingredients before adding to your child's packed lunch.



## CHANGES TO CONTACT AND MEDICAL INFORMATION

May we politely remind parents and guardians of the importance of keeping us updated on any changes to personal information for both your child and all the emergency contacts provided to the nursery. This includes contact phone numbers and addresses. If you move house please provide evidence to the school office, such as a utility bill or council tax bill (dated within the last 3 months) so that your child's record can be updated. This is essential for the safeguarding of the children in our care.

It is also very important to keep us updated with any changes to medical information including:

- Change of doctors surgery
- Changes to medical conditions and dietary requirements. This includes allergies, intolerances and any such instances where your child is no longer affected by an intolerance previously advised
- Changes to any regular medications administered

Thank you in advance.

## INSET DAY - 2nd January 2024

Please note that due to essential training taking place for all staff, The Den will not be open on the Inset Day on Tuesday 2nd January.

Please accept our apologies for any inconvenience caused.

## IMPORTANT DATES

NEW DATES ARE IN **BOLD**

WEDNESDAY 13TH DECEMBER

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FRIDAY 15TH DECEMBER

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY

TUESDAY 2ND JANUARY

SPRING TERM 1 START

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**SPRING HALF TERM HOLIDAY**

**SPRING TERM 2 START**

CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY

TEAM NEST & TEAM WILD CHRISTMAS PARTY, PM

LAST DAY OF TERM - 1PM FINISH

MONDAY 18TH DECEMBER - MONDAY 1ST JANUARY

INSET DAY - NURSERY CLOSED (DEN NOT AVAILABLE)

WEDNESDAY 3RD JANUARY 2024

MONDAY 15TH JANUARY 2024

**MONDAY 12TH - FRIDAY 16TH FEBRUARY 2024**

**MONDAY 19TH FEBRUARY 2024**

# The Wild

**The weather may have become more chilly but that hasn't stopped the fun in Team Wild.**

It's great to see the children arriving all wrapped up everyday and ready to play and enjoy both inside and outside still. Please do remember to make sure they have lots of thick warm layers on as it is much easier to take them off if they are too hot than warm them up if they are really cold.

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The children have been enjoying working together to problem solve and explore the wheeled trolleys. They have really enjoyed sitting and lying on them to whiz around and building long trains or buses to

sit on as a group. It has been wonderful to see them sharing ideas and helping each other without an adult leading, it is definitely the beginning of some lovely friendships being made together.



# The Wild



The children have enjoyed our continued topic of mythical creatures and have been playing with dragons and even had a go at pretending to be a knight with a real bow and arrow. They have used masks to pretend to be trolls and have created some fabulous fire breathing dragon noses in the art area. We love seeing their imaginations develop and are so proud of some of the ideas and responses that they share with us during our story times. Some

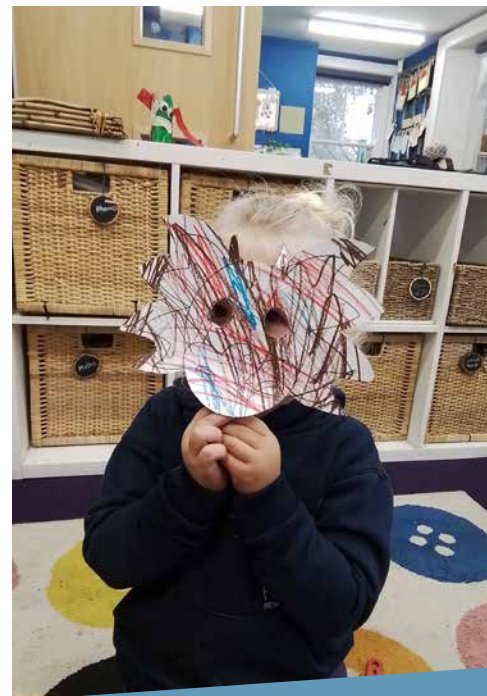
children are developing their interests in particular stories that we have shared and it is fabulous to see them seeking these and asking to hear them again.

The children have worked so hard to learn lots of songs as part of our Nativity performance and we couldn't wait to share it with their families. They have been super listeners, fabulous singers and great performers and we think they are amazing. Well done Wildlings!

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## This week

This week they will be busy learning all about the Christmas season and having a go at lots of exciting festive activities. We hope that you enjoy seeing everything they have made when they bring it home and the team and I wish you all a very merry, and relaxing, Christmas with your families.

# The Nest

**There has been lots of creativity in NEST this past couple weeks.**

Some of the children decorated stones using felt pens, and some have been using chalks on

our chalkboard outside. There has also been some super spotting - finding lots of natural autumn materials to add to our playdough or to use with paint.



# The Nest

One morning last week, the children asked to have apple for snack, but Mrs Ewing had forgotten to order any from Tesco, so Mr Ewing took a small group of children into the Orchard and helped them pick some apples from the tree. On return to the NEST, everyone helped to wash the apples and then the children ate them for snack. They were yummy!

Last Monday, we took part in Coach Dobson's Cross Country Challenge. All of us (even the grown ups) ran around the daily mile track. We always love the chance to run on the field or down the hill, and we do

this most days. Thank you for including us Coach.

We are now exploring all things Christmassy. Everyone has loved decorating (and redecorating) our Christmas tree and making everything look sparkly inside NEST. This week, all of us will be helping to make a big paper plate Christmas tree, decorating wooden baubles, stringing beads on pipe cleaners to make decorations, and making and exploring with fake snow. Each day, we have been practising our story and songs for our Christmassy morning last week. The NEST grown ups delighted to seeing everyone who could attend.

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