

LOW HILL NURSERY SCHOOL & CHILDREN'S CENTRE

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AUTUMN NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents/Carers

Hello and welcome to a brand new term at Low Hill Nursery School.

We have those of you who are new to us and those of you who are returning after the summer break. All of you are most welcome and we look forward to a very successful year ahead.

When your child starts Low Hill Nursery School, they will be given a keyworker. Each room at our nursery has a name. If you are unsure what your child's room is called please ask their keyworker.

Sunflower Special needs inclusive provision	Daisy room Top room Twos/rising three provision	Poppy room Middle room Twos/rising three provision	Blossom room Nursery provision	Buttercup room Nurture/30 hours provision
				

Wellbeing Award

Wellbeing is at the heart of everything we do at Low Hill Nursery School, for not only the children but also families and staff. Last year we decided to start the process of applying for a wellbeing award to recognise our ongoing work at school and in the community. We are proud to announce that we have successfully achieved the status. This a reflection not only of the staff but our wider community. Here are some of the comments that we received from our final report.

"I spent an inspirational morning at Low Hill Nursery School. Wellbeing does not take second place to anything at this school. There is a clear and constant shared understanding that the children's wellbeing is the most critical foundation for learning. On top of this is the importance of parental wellbeing to provide safe, nurturing parenting"

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Charity Formation

As many of you are aware, the future of nursery schools is still very uncertain, as the government have given no confirmation of how nursery schools will continue to be funded after 2020. We are awaiting further instruction from the government.

Moving forward we have decided to obtain charitable status for the school. This would mean that we would be able to apply for grants and additional funding to support and continue the work we do at Low Hill Nursery School and in the community.

ChargeUp

After our very successful ChargeUp sessions last year with Stacy Mann, we have decided to run the sessions again. ChargeUp is an opportunity to "chat and chill" with others. ChargeUp sessions help you to be the best version of you!

ChargeUp sessions will start on Tuesday 1st October

Morning session 9.00am-10.30am

Afternoon session 12.30-2.00pm



Food Bank

During the last week, several of our families have reached out and asked to be referred for a food parcel. We work with several food banks across the city of Wolverhampton. However, each food bank had ran out of their allocation before we were able to access the service. Moving forward we will still continue to access food bank services, however we would like to establish our own food bank at Low Hill Nursery School. Staff members have begun to donate items. We will be having a donation basket at school to collect donations. Please do not send fresh or perishable items. We will also be collecting toiletries (toothpaste, shampoo, shower gel etc.) Thank you.

Macmillan Fundraising workshop-Thursday 3rd October

We will be holding our annual event to raise money for Macmillan cancer support. You are invited to come and decorate a cake/gingerbread man with your child and make a donation. There will also be cakes available to buy. All money raised will be going to Macmillan cancer support. This year we will be holding our event in memory of Michelle Blewitt. Michelle was a much-loved member of the community and worked for many years as a cleaner and lunchtime supervisor at Low Hill Nursery School. More details will follow.

Parent Governor

A vacancy has become available on our governing body for a parent governor. This would involve attending meetings and supporting the head teacher and governing body in moving the school forward. More information will follow.

However if you would like to express an interest please speak to Natalie

School Holiday Dates

School closes for half term Friday 25th October

School opens Monday 4th November

School closes for Christmas Holidays Friday 20th December

School opens Wednesday 8th January

Training days

Staff training days Monday 6th January & Tuesday 7th January

School Uniform

We are selling polo shirts and sweatshirts at the school office. The sweatshirt is Royal blue with the school logo these are priced at £7.00

The polo shirts are light blue with the school logo these are priced at £5.50

We hold a variety of sizes and can order other sizes should you need them. The uniform can be purchased from the school office.

School Fund

We ask that parents donate £1 per week to our school fund.

This can be given to your child's keyworker at the beginning of the week. This supports us in daily activities like cooking and providing party food etc.

Medical conditions

Can we request that you inform your child's keyworker of any medical condition your child may have, we do ask on home visits and on induction sessions when your child begins nursery. However they may develop new conditions that require our attention.

Parking

Can we please request that if you drive your child to Nursery to think about where you are parking your vehicle, we understand that it can be difficult to find somewhere suitable to park. However please consider our neighbours and other members of the community.

Mobile Phones

Can I please remind parents not to use their mobile phones in any of the Nursery rooms? This is to safeguard all of our children.

Social Networking

Our staff are not allowed to accept friend requests from parents on any of the Social Networking sites. This is part of the school Safeguarding Policy. Can I respectfully ask that Parents do not send friend requests, as they will be declined?

Natalie and the Team.

Details of term dates, half terms and holidays.

2019/20

Autumn Term 2019

- **Term Time:** Monday 2 September 2019 to Friday 25 October 2019
- **Term Time:** Monday 4 November 2019 to Friday 20 December 2019

Spring Term 2020

- **TRAINING DAYS MONDAY 6TH JANUARY & TUESDAY 7TH JANUARY**
 - **SCHOOL OPENS WEDNESDAY 8TH JANUARY**
- **Term Time:** Monday 6 January 2020 to Friday 14 February 2020
- **Term Time:** Monday 24 February 2020 to Friday 3 April 2020

Summer Term 2020

- **TRAINING DAY MONDAY 20TH APRIL**
- **SCHOOL OPENS TUESDAY 21ST APRIL**
- **Term Time:** Monday 20 April 2020 to Friday 22 May 2020
- **TRAINING DAY MONDAY 1ST JUNE**
- **SCHOOL OPENS TUESDAY 2ND JUNE**
- **Term Time:** Monday 1 June 2020 to Monday 20 July 2020
- **TRAINING DAY MONDAY 20TH JULY**
- **SCHOOL CLOSURES FRIDAY 17TH JULY**

May day Bank Holiday date in 2020:

- Friday, May 8: Early May Bank Holiday (For VE day)