



Newsletter

Hedgehogs - Term 1

Dear Parents/Carers,

Hello and a very warm welcome to our Charborough Road community - over the past week it has been lovely welcoming back some familiar faces and meeting lots of new ones. We had a fantastic week with all the children settling brilliantly into our daily Hedgehog life!

Every term, a newsletter detailing what is happening for us over the course of the term, any important events or dates as well as general information you need will be sent home and posted on Seesaw. Apologies, this particular newsletter is a little longer than usual!

Curriculum Focus

'Happy to be Me' is our focus for Term 1. We ensure plenty of time is given for supporting the children to feel settled and used to all the general daily routines we have in Hedgehogs. We will be spending lots of time playing and encouraging the children to fully explore the environment whilst making new friendships. During carpet sessions, we will be using Jigsaw (PSED time) to talk about our families and share information about ourselves with each other. To support these conversations and to help the children feel the link between nursery and home, we'd love for you to send a family picture in that we can display in the classroom. You're welcome to bring one in or send across to me on Seesaw and I'll print it out.

Our maths investigations for Term 1 are based around comparisons of more than / fewer than; noticing the shapes and objects we are using to build and explore; creating simple patterns and hearing / saying number names.

Our focused texts for the term are Little Rabbit Foo Foo; Brown Bear, Brown Bear and The Lead Thief.

General Information

Our nursery session times are as follows:

Morning session: 08:30 – 11:30

Lunch: 11:30 – 12:30

Afternoon session: 12:30 – 3:30

The EYFS gate will close around **8:55am** and be opened around **3:05pm**.

If you need to drop off or pick up outside of those times, please can you let me know so that we can ensure either myself or Miss Glanville are around to answer the gate or have your child ready. Please bear with us if it takes a few minutes to answer the bell.

A member of staff will always open the gate at **12:30** for the afternoon session.



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It is helpful for your child to bring in:

- Water bottle
- Bag with a change of clothes
- Weather appropriate clothing (e.g. hat / coat)
- Packed Lunch (if they are having one)
- Snack (no nuts, crisps or chocolate)

Please name anything sent in, including water bottles and snack pots as children often have the same ones!

Arbor is used for booking lunches and breakfast club. If you are having problems accessing it, please get in touch with the office and they will be able to help.

Forest School

We have fantastic Forest School facilities on site that we are very lucky to be able to access throughout the week. We also generally love being outside whatever the weather and exploring the seasons. If you are able to, it would be incredibly useful to send in some wellies and a puddle suit that we can keep in school and change your child into when we go exploring. Please name anything you send in.

For those children who attend Hedgehogs on Friday morning, Mrs Krzywicka will be covering PPA and she will take them for a Forest School session every week.

Communication

Seesaw is our main method of communicating information for both Hedgehogs and any wider school events happening. Attached is your child's QR code - this allows you to access their personal journal and see any photos that have been uploaded. Emails have also been sent inviting you to sign up as a parent so that you can send to and receive direct messages from myself. This may have gone to junk - if you can't find it, just let me know and I can resend.

Important Dates:

Where needed, more information will be sent out closer to the time of the event happening.

Friday 25th September @ 11:30 Hedgehogs' Pizza Party

Friday 16th October @ 14:30 EYFS Autumn Poetry Recital

Thursday 22nd October Bling Your Bike day

Friday October 23rd INSET



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Anything Else!

Pizza Party - An invitation will be on the way!

Who's Who...

There are a few different faces that you will see during drop off and pick up:



Mrs Martin
Hedgehogs Teacher



Mrs Glanville
Hedgehogs TA



Mrs Krzywicka
HLTA – PPA Cover

Miss Dyer
Squirrels Teacher



Miss Gallagher
Squirrels TA
(Mon / Tues)



Mrs Byrom
Squirrels TA
(Weds/Thurs/Fri)



Mr McGarry
Supporting Hedgehogs & Squirrels.
Mon – Fri AM



Mr Williams
Supporting Hedgehogs & Squirrels.
Mon – Fri AM

If you have any questions or queries at any point, please just get in touch through Seesaw or at drop off/pick up.

Many Thanks

Mrs Martin and Miss Glanville