



Newsletter

Helen Gibson Nursery School
February 2019

Parent Chats

Parent chats will commence the week beginning the 4th of March. Signing up sheets will be going up in the conservatory / Lodge for you to put your name down.



Thank You

Thank you so much to everyone who has put their donations in Winnie the Pooh money box. This is supporting additional resources such as play dough and baking ingredients.



Money in Envelopes

There is a white lockable box mounted on the wall in the conservatory for anyone who wishes to send any payments into school. Please mark the envelope clearly so we know what the cash / cheque is for.



February Half Term

We break up for February half term on the 15th of February and return on Monday the 25th.



Giraffes Cake Sale

On the 13th of February it will be the Giraffes turn to bring in cakes for our fund raising sale in nursery. In advance thank you very much for your delicious goods and pennies spent.



Gate

As the weather is getting extremely cold the gate in a morning will close promptly at 9.10 to stop poor Mrs Howard and Mrs Parker freezing. In the afternoon we open the gate at 12.20 and will close it at 12.40. The nursery door will open at 12.30 as staff are still on their lunches or planning for your child until this time.



World Book Day

World Book Day will take place on March the 6th. (It is officially held on the 7th but as we have children at 2 ends of the week it is best if we have it then). The theme will be Nursery Rhyme characters so come dressed as your favourite one.



Kids Club

Kids club are now taking interests for September. If you will need the services of our fantastic Breakfast or After School Club from September please contact Claire Taylor on the following email address or ring school after 3.45on the usual nursery number.

ctaylor@helengibsonnursery.co.uk

Spare Clothes

A quick reminder

Could you please check your child's bag regularly to replenish the clothes we may have used on your child? Your child's bag should contain a clean top, bottoms, underwear and socks. For those children recently toilet trained could you also provide spare slippers / shoes in case of accidents. Also remember to write their names in everything. Thanks



Thank You

Thank you so much to everyone for making the year so far a wonderful one. If anyone has any suggestions to help us improve please drop us an email so that we can help.

Have a brilliant February



Maintained Nursery Schools

You may have recently heard in the press about Maintained Nursery Schools and the funding which is given by the government to ensure their continuous existence and survival. There are 4 Nursery Schools in South Tyneside and we are one of them. A few years ago the government decided to reduce this funding which meant we were on a cliff edge wondering what was going to happen to us. Thankfully they extended the funding until 2020 however it is still being debated in Parliament what will happen after this.

Nursery Schools are run by the Local Authority and inspected by Ofsted as a stand alone School. We have highly qualified members of staff and aim to deliver an educational curriculum to support all of our learners.

We have to by law have a Head Teacher, qualified teachers and all of our Nursery Nurses have qualifications up to and beyond degree level. This therefore makes us an expensive but highly effective model. Every Nursery School in South Tyneside is rated Outstanding.

Nursery Schools are important and we hope to be preserved for the future. Thankfully our local authority supports us, but in some areas they are being forced to close. Please help us by contacting your local MP to ensure our voice is heard in Parliament. It would be so sad if Nursery Schools became a thing of the past. You can find out more at

<https://www.savenurseryschools.org/>