



# Honley School Daycare



## Newletter

Half Termly 25<sup>th</sup> Feb- 12<sup>th</sup> April



# WELCOME!



### Sign & Sound of the week

W/C	Sound	Sign
25 <sup>th</sup> Feb	G, o	Flower
4 <sup>th</sup> March	C, k	Tree
11 <sup>th</sup> March	E, u	Garden
18 <sup>th</sup> March	R, h	Butterfly
25 <sup>th</sup> March	B, f	Green
1 <sup>st</sup> April	L, j	Bee
8 <sup>th</sup> April	Recap	Sunshine

### Physical Play Stay & Play Session – Tues 12<sup>th</sup>

March 1.30-2.30pm

Our next stay and play session is focused on physical play. We will be completing mini obstacle courses, working on balancing skills and learning our wake up shake up routine. If you would like to attend with your child please book in as we need to know exact numbers.

### What we are learning this half term

This half term in Daycare and School Street Early Years the theme is 'How does your garden grow?'

In Daycare will be focusing on:

Week commencing 25<sup>th</sup> Feb & 4<sup>th</sup> March- The Giant Turnip

Week commencing 11<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> March- Jack and the beanstalk

Week commencing 25<sup>th</sup> March & 1<sup>st</sup> April- Old McDonald had a farm

Week commencing 8<sup>th</sup> April- The Easter Story

### Staff in Daycare



Miss Watkins

Childcare Manager



Mrs Taylor

Deputy Childcare Manager



Miss Blore

Childcare Officer



Mrs Nicholls

Childcare Officer



Miss Magan

Childcare Assistant



Miss Crowther

Childcare Assistant



Mrs Newman

Lunchtime Supervisor

### We need your help!

We are now starting to do a science experiment of the week with the children but are in need of different shaped and sized plastic bottles to make our potions in. If you have any you can bring in for us to use it would be appreciated.

### St Patricks Day

On Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March we want your children to come in dressed in green to celebrate St Patricks Day.

### Wear pyjamas to work day

We would like to invite children to wear their pyjamas to Daycare on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> April for a pyjama day. They can also bring their favourite teddy along too and we will have a teddy bears picnic.

### Children's belongings

Please can we remind all parents/carers to ensure your child's name is in all items of clothing and shoes etc. when coming into Daycare. We try our best to ensure all children's belongings are paired with the right child but it is getting tricky now we have lots of children and many with the same coats, hats and shoes.

### Easter bonnet competition

Create an Easter bonnet at home and bring it in by the 17<sup>th</sup> April. The bonnets will be shown to all children and displayed and children will receive a certificate for joining in.

### Parent Partnership

We now have new home learning packs for you to borrow and use with your child at home. The home learning packs are focussed on nursery rhymes and stories and have extension activity sheets for you to use. The packs are located in Miss Watkins' office so please give her a visit and borrow a pack.

### Closures this half term

Daycare is closed the week commencing 15<sup>th</sup> April and the week commencing 22<sup>nd</sup> April for all term time funded children. We will remain open for all fee paying children and stretched funding. Daycare will be closed for all children on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> and Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> April for bank holiday.

We also welcome activity suggestions for you to put on our planning tree in the entrance and for you to fill in the parent input sheets to feed into your child's learning journey.

### Home Learning

To support your child's learning and development progress further the partnership between Daycare and home are important. We would like to offer some suggestions of activities you could do at home with your child, this will allow your child to make the links between their learning at home and at Daycare. The theme this month is 'How does your garden grow? Here are some suggestions you could do at home:

- Plant a sunflower seed and measure how tall it grows.
- Take part in 'take a walk in the park' day on 30<sup>th</sup> March.
- Make pancakes and see what combinations of toppings you can create.
  - Do something nice for mummy on mother's day.
  - Grow some cress heads.
- Take a walk in your local community and talk about how we care for our environment.

We would love to see what you have been doing at home so please don't forget to bring in photographs of your children joining in with activities at home for their learning journeys and so they can talk to their friends about what they have been doing. Children love to share experiences and it is a big part of learning.