

# Exciting Events, Development & Essential Dates



## Welcome to our Autumn/Winter Newsletter!

**It's been a busy term and we have lots of exciting events coming up, to ease your children into the Christmas spirit and prepare them for 2017.**

### This Terms Updates

The children contributed to the Church Harvest festival by donating food items and creating decorations for the Church to display.

During Halloween we had fun decorating the nursery. The children enjoyed dressing up as different spooky characters and exploring green and orange Halloween jelly, to find plastic bugs. They also participated in cooking spider biscuits, which they thoroughly enjoyed!

The week commencing Monday 7th November, the children created their own poppies to show support for Remembrance Day.

From Monday 14th November the children have been wearing their spotacular clothing to raise money for Children in Need. They have also been decorating Pudsey masks and cutting them out to practice their fine manipulative skills and understanding of safety.

The children have also been developing their understanding of hygiene and safety when cooking, by making and decorating Pudsey biscuits to sell. All donations will be sent to Children in Need.

From Monday 14th November the children began their preparations for the annual Christmas Nativity play. They've been practising their songs and enthusiastically learning actions for their parts. We are sure you will find their play delightful and look forward to seeing you there! Times of the afternoon party to follow.

### Other News

Congratulations to all our families that are expecting new arrivals in the upcoming months and those that have already arrived! We are very excited to meet all of the new additions and welcome them into the world.

A huge welcome to new children that have recently started attending Huggetts Day Nursery and Pre-school. We have loved welcoming you into our setting and look forward to getting to know you better.



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### Payments and Funding:

Please make sure that if your child's due date for FEE (3 and 4 year old funding) is approaching, that you inform Lauren or Rachael of your preferred days and sessions as soon as possible (within a 4 week notice period).

Entitlement begins the term after your child's third birthday. This enables you to choose 3x5 hour sessions or 5x3 hour sessions across the week (15 hours funding term time only - 38 weeks of the year) or 11 hours across the week stretched across the whole year (51 weeks of the year).

Please ensure you check that you have received your invoice. This is usually sent out around 15th -20th of the month for payment due on or before the 1st of every month. Please note that term time only children's monthly amounts will differ month upon month so please do check before making payment.

### Take Home Resources

Take home resources are available for all children and parents, these include:

- Take home activity bags
- Books from the lending library
- Rhyme sacks - found in baby room
- Holiday bear - loves to travel

around the world with you!

Please ask a member of staff, if you are interested.



### Key Reminders

**Mobile phones:** Can you please be aware that the use of mobile phones within the nursery is prohibited. This is for the safeguarding of all the children and staff.

**Medication:** With lots of colds and bugs around, we would just like to remind you that we do not administer any non-prescribed medication unless it is an emergency, e.g. Calpol for temperature reduction. **We do not give any medication 'as and when' - all medication is to be signed in at set times, no more than every 4 hours.**

Children that are prescribed medication are required to have 24 hours off from the first dose of medication or at least 4 doses in 24 hours to reduce the risk of infections spreading and reactions to medication at nursery. Any long term medication or inhalers requires a detailed letter from the parents explaining, when, how much and under what circumstances it is to be administered.

### Other Things to Remember

The children use the garden in all weathers, so please provide your child/children with suitable clothing for outside play.

We have recently set up our Facebook social media page! Please search, like and share the page to show everyone all of the lovely activities that the children have been up to. Please go to this link for direct access: <https://www.facebook.com/Huggetts-Nursery-1023870724398247/>

If there is anything else you need, please let me know, constructive criticism is welcome!



### Dates for Your Diary

**Thursday 8th December 2016**

Last stay and play session at the Foreman's Institute 10am - 12pm

**Friday 9th December 2016**

Nativity Play - Children to arrive at 1.30pm dressed in their outfits, for a 2pm start (hopefully).

**Friday 16th December 2016**

Christmas jumper day

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Last day of term for term time only children

**Monday 19th December - Friday 23rd December 2016 (inclusive)**

Christmas holidays

**Monday 26th December - Tuesday 3rd January 2017 (inclusive)**

Nursery closed for Christmas

Kind Regards

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