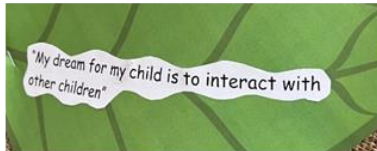
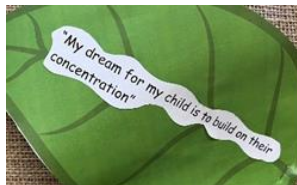




Welcome to our first newsletter of the year!  
So much has happened in term 1!

It has been very special to meet you all and we feel privileged to learn about you and your child when completing registrations and during home visits. Its always an honour to learn about your expectations of us, your fears, hopes and dreams. Here are just a few of your dreams for your children. 😊



Your dreams form the basis of our curriculum. Please see the website for more information about what your child is learning.

We want to be the best nursery school providing the best opportunities for your child so please do tell us when we're doing well and also when there are things that can be improved – even better if...we want to know! 😊

If you would like to come and help in the nursery or come with us on school trips, please come and tell us. We would love you to come in and help!

### Staying in touch



There are so many ways to keep connected:

There's our website (which is accessible – can be translated if you would like to read it in your preferred language) which is full of information



Facebook (connected to website)



Tapestry – are you signed up? Please speak with your key person if having trouble accessing Tapestry. This is a brilliant way of sharing learning with each other – what your child learns at home with you and what they learn here at nursery. You are the expert about your child so we want to know!

- Newsletters
- News from the rooms on the website and Tapestry

### Settling in

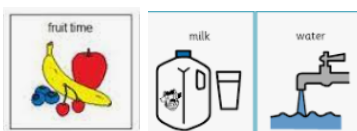
Thank you for working with us to support your children to settle in or back into nursery. It has been a pleasure to see them 'find their feet', develop new relationships and engage in their learning. It is so important that we get this right so that your child feels safe here with us and ready to engage in their learning.



for being so prompt in the mornings and at the end of day/ session. The beginning of the day is an important time to reconnect with nursery and engage in learning with your child's key person.

Thank you for collecting on time, makes a huge difference to your child's well-being as they to see you at the end of the day!

## Snack times



taste of something or not!

We have fruit, milk and water during the morning session (and afternoon in Owls). This is a time to learn independence pouring milk/ water, drinking from a cup, cutting up fruit responsibly, trying new tastes and flavours. Did you know...it takes 20 times to decide whether we like the



## Water bottles

It's great that your child is staying hydrated and brings a water bottle. Please can they have water in their bottles rather than juice as juice causes tooth decay. If you are worried that your child won't drink water, please come and discuss with your key person.



## Lunchtimes

We provide hot lunches for every child one day a week (except Owls). On these days you don't need to provide a packed lunch. Children are a bit confused when they have a hot lunch and a packed lunch! Below are the days and times.

**Hedgehogs and Woodpeckers:** Tuesday and Thursday

**Squirrels and Butterflies:** Monday and Friday.

If you're worried about your child not eating lunch please get in touch and we can make a plan. 😊

## Upcoming events



## The Children's Kitchen Cookery Sessions



Our Cookery Workshops are a time to explore food together and cook fun and affordable dishes with us!

We will make simple dishes that you can recreate at home with a meal kit to take away.

**Dates: Wednesday mornings for November 15<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup>, 29<sup>th</sup> and Dec 6<sup>th</sup>**

**Thursday Mornings for January 18<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup>, 1<sup>st</sup> Feb, 8<sup>th</sup> Feb**

Sessions will be 8.30 (or 9ish if you drop off at school) to 10.30 (possibly staying on for a cuppa afterwards) 😊



Lucienne (our Speech and Language Therapist) will be starting a 6-week parent course with Family Support starting on: Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> November 9.30- 10.30. The focus will be on strategies to develop children's speech and language.

Please talk with Jessie or Clare if you think you would be interested in attending.

### Parent Governor vacancy

Would you like to be more involved in your child's education? If you would, why not consider becoming a school governor. There is currently a vacancy for a parent governor at this school.

If you are interested please ask Cate (Headteacher) who will give you further information. Please apply, we need you! 😊

### SMSA and Cover vacancies

We are currently advertising for a SMSA (School Meals Supervisory Assistant) to come and work as part of the team during lunchtimes. Please see the advert here:

<https://www.hartcliffenursery.co.uk/2023/10/position-available-school-meals-supervisory-assistant/>

This is an excellent opportunity for someone within the community to join our friendly and supportive team. We are looking for someone to work as part of the SMSA team who look after children at lunchtime, providing high-quality, safe supervision, talking with the children and supporting them in their play.

#### The successful candidates will:

Have experience of working or volunteering in a school setting.

Be motivated, enthusiastic and organised.

Be able to use their initiative.

Be committed to building and maintaining positive relationships.

Be a team player with good communication skills.

#### We offer:

- Training and opportunities for professional development.
- A friendly and supportive staff team.

If you are interested, please come and talk to Lisa, Cate, Kate or Clare and pick up an application form. We look forward to hearing from you!