

## NEWSLETTER – MAY 2017

### 30 HOURS OF FREE NURSERY CARE

Did you know as from September if your child is still in Nursery or will be joining Nursery in September, it's possible to claim 30 hours of free childcare? We know some families have already received the government letter inviting them to apply so check your post and apply now! You can still apply without the invite, details are available here <http://www.doncaster.gov.uk/services/schools/30-hour-free-entitlement>.

**IF YOU DON'T APPLY BEFORE SEPTEMBER YOU WILL NOT BE ABLE TO ACCESS MORE THAN 15 HOURS OF FREE NURSERY CHILDCARE STRAIGHT AWAY.**

If you apply in September you will not be able to access the extra hours until January so it is important you apply even if you are unsure before September, there is no obligation to use the extra hours if you decide not to use them.

#### REMEMBER!

Even if you can only access 15 hours, you can use them as you wish, as we are a Flexible Nursery!

Main nursery children can access 7.30 club, free 8am breakfast club and 6pm club

Our nursery buildings are large enough to ensure everyone who has applied already gets a place using flexible provision, am or pm sessions or up to 30 hours. Other providers may have to forfeit nursery pupil numbers to accommodate the new 30 hours provision

Staff members are here to help or answer any queries

Bring your confirmation number in to the office as soon as you receive it and secure your extra hours!

Why pay for childcare if you can get it FREE!



#### YWP

Letters have been given out for Year 1's Trip to the Yorkshire Wildlife Park on 29th June. Please see your child's teacher if you have not had a copy.

There are some people in life who make you laugh a little louder, smile a little bigger and live just a little better, who could be stood next to you in the playground!

If you'd like to join the friendly parents group, the next meeting is the 18<sup>th</sup> May at 8.40am or, why not just say hello to the parent you are always stood next to whilst waiting for your child, you just never know who you might meet!

#### Questionnaires

Thank you to those of you have completed the PTFA questionnaire and the Afterschool club questionnaire. If you have not yet had chance, there's still time to hand them in and put your opinion forward as everyone's thoughts matter.

Well done to Mrs Waterhouse, Gracie Spencer, Courtney Kitchingman & Chloe Smith for getting through to the second stage of the Frenchgate Centre Flower Show, best of luck for stage 3!



### CCTV

I am delighted to inform you that plans for a new main entrance are being put in place, hopefully to be completed before the start of the next academic year. The new entrance will also include CCTV for which we shall be contributing the £86.69 raised by parents last year towards.

### Little Grangers – 2-Year-Old Provision

We are now taking expressions of interest for future places for Little Grangers our 2 year old provision. We are already taking names for September start dates! If you would like show your interest, call by the office for a form.



### Nursery Admissions

Children born between 01.09.13-31.08.14 can already apply for September 2017. We do already have details of those who have applied already and will be in contact soon.

Children born between 01.09.2014-31.08.2015 can apply from August 2017, the council will send you details.

### Headlice

We have had quite a few reports of headlice in school. Please check your child’s hair and treat if needed. Remember to retreat within fortnight to catch those that may have escaped the first treatment.

Your child does not need to be absent for the whole day if you should find them. Treat and bring them into school. We cannot mark the register as a medical for the whole day for headlice.



### SATS

Year 2, Lions and Tigers, will start their SATs tests week commencing 15<sup>th</sup> May, there will be 2 tests - Mathematic and Literacy. Small groups will be taken from class to complete the tasks which they have prepared for all year. There is no need for you or your child to stress about the tests. We do however ask that all children are in school on time and are not absent from school during this period, as it is compulsory that they complete them. Extra breakfast will be supplied for year 2 during this time also. Your support during this period is appreciated.

### Easter Bonnet Competition

The response to our first Easter Bonnet Competition was overwhelming, the designs, the ideas and the work that was put into each and every hat was amazing. From the PTFA group and the school thank you for all your effort. The children enjoyed the day and the parade was amazing.



Winners were:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Prize, Kayla Stevens
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize, Deacon Frost
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Prize, Lilly Evers

Class Winners

- Tigers: Coban Jones
- Lions: Ascari-Mai Hunt
- Penguins: Connor Oakland
- Owls: Yasmin Elfidh
- Butterflies: Joshua-Mason Hughes
- Ladybirds: Maddison Nutton

Nursery (AM & PM): Isabelle Scanlan & Jessica Charlton

Little Grangers (AM & PM) Tianna Devlin & Kaiden Stevens

### Car Park

The car park is for **staff use only**. Parents should not be using the car park as a short cut through school or as a way of avoiding parking on the main road, the main reason being it is dangerous and small children cannot easily be seen by drivers of the vehicles.



or your mobile phone!

Please jot them down as a handy reminder

Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> May -	Miss Robinson, Head of Academy at Pheasant Bank will be coming to meet our parents, as we lead up to the transition for pupils moving to the Juniors in September. More details to follow.
Week Commencing 15 <sup>th</sup> May	SATS week for year 2
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> May -	Sam's Safari will be visiting nursery for the whole day
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> May -	EveTrust Charity fun day – Come in sports clothes for a fun day. Letter already sent
Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> May – Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> June	is half term week so school is closed
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> June –	Training Day, school is closed for staff training
Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> June-	Class photographs
Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> June -	General Elections so Little Grangers building will be closed.
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> June –	New Reception for September 2017 parents meeting – details to follow
Week commencing 26 <sup>th</sup> June-	Family stay and make sessions, days for classes to be confirmed
Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup> June –	Year 1's trip to the Yorkshire Wildlife Park
Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> June –	New Nursery for September 2017 parents meeting – details to follow
Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> July –	ROSCARS details of those involved will be contacted
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> July –	Whole school transition day
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> July -	School reports will be given out
Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> July -	Sports Day – details to follow
Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> July-	Leavers assembly for our Year 2 children, 10am details to follow!
Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> July –	Circus Skills workshop – a fun day for main school / nursery
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> July -	Last day of the academic year

<b>Training Days:</b>
<del>1<sup>st</sup> September 2016</del>
<del>2<sup>nd</sup> September 2016</del>
<del>21<sup>st</sup> October 2016</del>
17 <sup>th</sup> February 2017
5 <sup>th</sup> June 2017
<b>Christmas Break</b>
<del>19<sup>th</sup> December – 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2017</del>
<b>Half Terms</b>
<del>24<sup>th</sup> October – 29<sup>th</sup> October 2016</del>
<del>20<sup>th</sup> February – 24<sup>th</sup> February 2017</del>
29 <sup>th</sup> May – 2 <sup>nd</sup> June 2017
<b>Easter Break</b>
<del>10<sup>th</sup> April – 21<sup>st</sup> April 2017</del>
<b>May Bank Holiday</b>
1 <sup>st</sup> May 2017
<b>Summer Break</b>
24 <sup>th</sup> July 2017

**September (20 Days)**

M	T	W	T	F	S	S
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	

**October (20 Days)**

M	T	W	T	F	S	S
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9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31					

**November (19 Days)**

M	T	W	T	F	S	S
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30			

**December (16 Days)**

M	T	W	T	F	S	S
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

**January (18 days)**

M	T	W	T	F	S	S
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

**February (15 days)**

M	T	W	T	F	S	S
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28				

**March (17 Days)**

M	T	W	T	F	S	S
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5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	

**April (16 Days)**

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16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
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**May (18 Days)**

M	T	W	T	F	S	S
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6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		

**June (20 Days)**




M	T	W	T	F	S	S
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4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
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**July (16 Days)**

M	T	W	T	F	S	S
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2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31					

**August**

M	T	W	T	F	S	S
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		

 Denotes Bank Holidays  
 Denotes School Holidays  
 Denotes staff training day

Total: 195 days – 5 additional days will be set for professional development days for teaching staff

**Individual Dates May Vary** – These dates apply to all community schools - please check other schools.  
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**Autumn Half Term:** Academy closes (PM) on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> October and Reopens on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> November

**Christmas:** Academy closes (PM) on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> December and reopens on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2018

**Spring Half Term:** Academy closes (PM) on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February and reopens on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February 2018

**Easter:** Academy closes (PM) on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> March and reopens on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> April 2018

**May Day:** Academy is closed Monday 5<sup>th</sup> May 2018

**Summer Half Term:** Academy closes (PM) Friday 25<sup>th</sup> May and reopens on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> June 2018

Last day of the academic year is Friday 20<sup>th</sup> July as Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> July is a training day

**Training Days:** 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> September, 6<sup>th</sup> November, 9<sup>th</sup> April and 23<sup>rd</sup> July