



Newsletter

Welcome to the second half of our autumn term. There is always lots happening in November, and then we begin the exciting countdown to all things Christmas! Read below for more news; please also take note of our housekeeping page that contains some important and useful information.

What we've been doing...

We always have lots happening at this time of year, we have of course had our amazing Halloween week of wonderful costumes and we raised an amazing amount of money through your generous donations and cakes! For bonfire night and fireworks we use lots of fabulous colours to create amazing pictures and we have collected lots of seasonal resources to use on our craft tables and messy trays including leaves, pine cones, twigs, pumpkins and acorns. We have celebrated Diwali this week and on 11th November it is Remembrance Day, at preschool we will be creating poppies and making pictures. Fast approaching is our favourite time of the year – Christmas! Time for glitter, sparkles, tree decorating and lots of festive fun in preschool.

Photographer

A photographer will be visiting preschool on Thursday 7th November. All children who are in preschool on Thursday will have photos taken. If you are not in preschool on Thursday but would like to bring your child in for photos, please bring them in! If you would like to bring siblings in for a family photo, we have an extra session on 21st November, please organise a sibling photo time with Siobhan or for those that could not attend on 7th November, you are welcome to come in for photos on 21st. Photos will be back before the end of term and make lovely Christmas presents!

Children in Need

We will be joining in with Children in Need on Friday 15th November. We've got lots of fun activities happening all week and we'll be having a dress up day for staff on Friday. Children are welcome to dress up all week in anything they love to wear! We will have a collection bucket in preschool during the week; donations aren't necessary but if you'd like to put in a few pennies for Children in Need, please do.

AGM & Parent Meetings

Please don't forget the AGM on Monday 25th November at 7pm. Your attendance is important. Emails with full details have been sent – please ask if you would like a reminder of the full details. Parent meetings with your child's key carer will take place at the AGM where you will hear all about your child's progress and staff can answer any questions. **We still need more volunteers to join the Preschool Management Committee, if you are keen to get more involved in supporting the preschool, please let Siobhan know.**

January Sessions

If you have requested additional sessions for January, these have now been confirmed. If you haven't received an email, or you wish to add more sessions, please let us know. If you haven't requested any extra hours your sessions will remain the same. For those with new hours, please complete and return the funding form asap.

Wellies

Please send your children with wellies every day, even if it isn't raining. We like to make the most of the great outdoors and the grass is very wet and muddy at this time of year. We also access the garden in all weathers, and we all know how much children love puddles!

Christmas Party

We will be having a Christmas party for ALL children on Thursday 19th December, finishing at 12pm. Plans are taking shape and we will email out more details closer to the time. Please save the date for ALL children to come in and celebrate with us.

Pick Up Times

Please could we remind all parents to pick their children up on time. Late pick-ups have knock-on effects on our staff ratios during lunchtimes and on staff who have to collect their own children at the end of the day.

House Keeping

NO NUTS & Please Slice Grapes and Mini Sausages!

We have children in preschool with **severe allergies** to nuts and traces of nuts. We are a completely **nut-free** preschool so please don't include nuts, or nut-based products (Including chocolate spread) in packed lunches. If your child brings grapes or mini sausages, please ensure they are sliced lengthways. Whole grapes are a serious choking hazard to preschoolers.

30 hours funding

If you are claiming 30 hours childcare, please remember to keep your account up to date. To keep your 30 hours funding active, you need to check your details are up to date every 3 months. Go to gov.uk/childcareaccount.

Asthma Inhalers

If your child has asthma and has been prescribed an inhaler, please ensure you bring an inhaler and spacer into preschool with your child. Please do not leave these in bags – please hand to a member of staff.

Easy Clothing!

At HWU5s we encourage children to practice skills which make them independent, such as taking themselves to the toilet and taking off and putting on outdoor clothes (great preparation for school, especially for PE lessons!). Please could you dress your child in “easy clothing” for preschool to help them manage these tasks. Please could we ask that you label all of your children's clothing and bags.

Accidents Outside of Preschool

Please inform us at the start of your child's session if they have had an accident at home. It is helpful for us to know of a pre-existing injury just in case we are unsure if it happened whilst at preschool.

Quarantine Reminder for Sickness and Diarrhoea

Just a little reminder that if your child has sickness and/or diarrhoea they should not return to preschool until they have had at least 48 hours clear. This will help prevent the spread of the virus and also help protect staff from illness.

Absence

Please always give us a quick call to notify us if your child is absent on 01256 322788. It's important that we keep our registers up to date.

Prescribed Medication

Please speak to staff to ensure full details are given and recorded should your child require medication to be administered.

Medications in Bags

If your child brings any form of medication into preschool including Vaseline, lip salve, anti bacterial hand gel, please could you hand it to a member of staff and not leave in the children's bags. Thank you.

Pre-loved Uniform

Lisa has a selection of pre-loved uniform items for sale. All proceeds from pre-loved uniform sales go towards our preschool's fundraising. Please see Lisa if you are interested in taking a look.

Help Raise Funds for our Preschool

As you know our preschool is a charity, so fund raising is vitally important to us - it helps us update and add to our toys and resources for the children. There are a couple of easy ways to help us raise some much needed additional funds - you could be helping us raise money each time you shop online...

Do you shop on Amazon? If you do, you could help us raise funds for preschool.

Simply login through: <https://smile.amazon.co.uk/>

Scroll to the bottom of the page and click “Get Started” and enter our preschool name in the search bar. Each time you shop, Amazon will donate money to our preschool!

You can also raise valuable funds for our preschool when shopping online with many other retailers such as John Lewis, Sainsburys, Argos, M&S and many more... Just by registering with easyfundraising.

Easyfundraising is the UK's biggest charity shopping fundraising site. It's simple to use and it doesn't cost you anything!

You could help our preschool so much, just by logging in to easyfundraising and going shopping!

- <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/hatchwarrenu5s/>

Once you've registered - perhaps you could spread the word to family and friends to help us raise more!

Stay & Play with your child

Parents are always welcome to stay and play at preschool sessions – just let a member of staff know that you're staying and follow the safeguarding procedures that you'll find when you sign in the visitor's book.

Dates for your Diary

Thursday 7 th November	Photographer – individual portraits in time for Christmas!
Thursday 21 st November	Photographer – sibling photos
Monday 25 th November	AGM – 7pm. Hatch Warren Community Centre
Wednesday 18 th December	Last preschool sessions
Thursday 19 th December	Christmas party – all children (AM)
Friday 20 th Dec – 5th January	Preschool closed. CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS
Monday 6 th January	Return to preschool for new term

Full term dates are listed on our calendar, which you can view on our website here:
<https://hatchwarren.hatchwarrenunderfives.co.uk/diary/list/>

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