



Happy Spring Term!

We have a lot to tell you and hope this newsletter informs you of everything that is happening in the setting.

Room changes

From the start of this half term we have had a move around. We currently have more 3 and 4 year olds in the setting so we needed more space to care for them, therefore Cubs (18m -3 yr olds) are now based in the old preschool area next to the office and Little Lions (3-4 yr olds) are now based in the old Cubs area (big room), Lions Den (After School) are also based in the big room with the Little Lions. With this move we have also had a change in some room staff.

- Kittens (Babies) - Kittens have remained unchanged with Rachel S as Room Leader, Karen as Deputy Room Leader and they are supported by Claire, Rhiannon and Hadie.
- Cubs (18m -3 yr olds) - Chrissie is now the new Room Leader of Cubs with Vicki as her new Deputy Room Leader, they are supported by Tracy and Megan M.
- Little Lions (3-4 yr olds) - Preschool is now co-run by Zoe and Lynsey as joint Room Leaders, with Sarah as the Deputy Room Leader and they are supported by Lesley, Amanda, Rachel K and Ling.

Drop off/Pick up

With the change in rooms we have also changed which door you pick your children up from. Cubs drop off/pick up is now from the front door, the same as if you need to go to the office. Kittens/Little Lions/Lions Den drop off/pick up is from the back door in our garden area. For Kittens please ring the bell on the right, for Little Lions/Lions Den please ring the bell on the left.

We ask that you please only press the bell once, and we will answer it as soon as we can. We apologise if you are kept waiting outside, we are not ignoring you or being rude, the staff are getting your child and their belongings ready for you before answering the door, we are just making sure we are keeping your children safe.

Polling day

A reminder that our building is used as a polling station; therefore on Thursday 2nd May 2019 we will be CLOSED and will be using the time for a staff training day - Please make alternative childcare arrangements for this date as unfortunately we are unable to care for your child on this date.

Term dates for funding

The government have worked out funding so we receive less funding this half term. The funding ends on Friday 29th March, a week before schools break up, meaning they will be off for 3 weeks and back on Tuesday 23rd April when funding resumes. If your child is funded and you need childcare for them during the week beginning the 1st April, please let us know ASAP so we can arrange it for you.

Whatsapp chats

As you all know we have Whatsapp chats that keep you informed of what is happening in the setting. We have our main chat that we use for all parents to keep you up-to-date with anything that is going on and any important messages that need to go out straight away. All our rooms also have individual chats that they use to keep you informed of what your children are learning. Unfortunately we have had to make these chats so that only us as admin can send messages on those chats, this is due to

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messages being sent that should be sent to the work number (07512 201850) privately meaning parents are removing themselves from the chats. We ask that you please stay on these chats as if not you may miss information and not know about things going on within the setting. If you need to contact us about something, please message us privately.

Feedback from parents

On our last newsletter we attached a form called a star and wish, for you to give us feedback on what you were happy with and what you felt we needed to improve. We received a lot of responses but were hoping for more, if you have yet to return this form please do ASAP, this feedback helps us to grow and to plan how we can improve our service for you and your child. Please ask for another form if you have lost the original one.

We appreciate all feedback and recommendations so please could we also ask for you to write a review on our Facebook pages: **HFHC** - www.facebook.com/HfHC.ABC and **HFHC Holiday Club** - www.facebook.com/HfHCHolidayClub.

Late collections

Please note that if you pick your child up late, you may not get the feedback about your child's day you would normally get as there may not be a member of staff from their room still working. We will be enforcing our late charges as stated in your childcare contract for constant late pick ups.

Holiday club

If you need extra childcare during the holidays (Easter break, May half term, etc) please book early as we can't guarantee space if requested at short notice.

Holidays

If you have a holiday booked and your child is not going to be in please can you tell us! We often have parents asking for extra sessions and if we know a child is off we can offer parents the extra sessions needed.

Fundraising

As you may know we are currently raising money for a minibus. A minibus would enable us to get out on more days out and help with school runs as we would be able to transport more children in a minibus compared to what we can currently transport in our cars.

In order to raise the money for a minibus we have a range of events planned to fund the amount we need. We started our fundraising by raising over £600 at our Christmas Bazaar. This year we are currently in the process of planning a quiz night, medium night, a baby and kids toy/clothing sale and a Summer fair. If you have any fundraising ideas or people that could support these events please speak to Linda or Zoe.

One of our mums Teri has offered to do a skydive and has chosen to support us and raise money for our minibus fund. If you are able to support her please donate on her just giving page: www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/teri-woodward

REMINDER!

Please can you remember that we are a NO PEANUTS AND NO NUTS building! This includes Almonds, Hazelnuts, Walnuts and Coconut, as well as products such as Nutella!
We have both a member of staff and children with severe nut allergies.