

Hello!



Now that all our children are in school and settled; I would like to take this opportunity to give you a very warm welcome to Huntingdon Nursery School.

We would like to introduce you to **Katy**, who will be supporting 1:1 and helping in Yellow class and also, **Liz**, who will be helping with the lunch time session and in class as a general assistant.



We are very sad to be saying goodbye to **Kayla** this half term. We will miss her very much but wish her well in her new ventures.

Everyone is busy making new friends, sharing new experiences and 'having a go' at new challenges at home and at school.

There will be an opportunity after Half Term for you to meet your child's keyworker, to talk about how they have settled in school and share ideas about how to support their learning in school and at home. We will notify you of these dates and times very shortly. Please contact us via emails shared below if you are unable to 'chat' at pick up times.

We are arranging two parent meetings to share further information about school and the family centre. This is a chance to meet the office team, school governors, face to face. And also an opportunity for us to answer questions you may have. We will be in touch with a date in due course.

*Claire Palmer,*  
Headteacher

### Cooking and snack donation

We ask each year for snack and cooking monetary donations. These donations help us fuel enhanced learning.

**The suggested donation is £5 per term (£15 for the year).**

Please pay via bank transfer (A/C Number: 25740121 Sort Code: 52-10-46) or hand in the donation to the office

Many thanks for your support.

### Volunteers

If you have time in the day and would like to help in Nursery please let us know. It's always helpful to have an extra pair of hands in class especially when we plan to cook with the children or take them for local walks.

If you could help with a walk to the Primary School playing field, the library or ducks then please let us know by talking to your child's class teacher.

### Nursery Spaces

If you know anyone who is looking for a nursery place, for January or April we have spaces available for half or whole days including lunch club. Our half day **nursery places are free to all 3 and 4 year olds** - additional hours and places can also be arranged.

Funded 2's please check eligibility  
[www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/free2's](http://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/free2's)

30hr eligibility  
[www.childcarechoices.gov.uk](http://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk)

Opportunity to pay for additional sessions. Currently our rates are £6 per hour for 2 year olds and £5.80 per hour for 3's



**Our Curriculum – What we would like children to learn whilst they are in Nursery**

Please see our attached information about our curriculum and how we support your child's learning and development here at Huntingdon Nursery School.

If you would like to visit Nursery to look around again; now your child is settled please contact the office to arrange a visit.

**Here is a summary of our curriculum priorities – key skills we would like your children to develop whilst they are with us.....**

Key word	Key skills
Share	Share a thought or idea
Belong	Look after my friends and my classroom without being asked
Move	Cross the gorilla frame.
Create	Build and create a 3D model
Tell us	Make up and share (or adapt ) a story
Using numbers	Being confident to use numbers everyday e.g. being a snack helper in school.
Find out more	Investigate a topic of personal interest

**Further contacts :** If you would like to contact your child's teacher or email photos from home to share with us a special moment or to celebrate the achievement of a new skill then please email the class teacher - with your permission these photos can be displayed in class.

- Yellow:** Sharon: [SOShea@huntingdon-nur.cambs.sch.uk](mailto:SOShea@huntingdon-nur.cambs.sch.uk)  
**Main Room:** Vanessa: [VAllwright@huntingdon-nur.cambs.sch.uk](mailto:VAllwright@huntingdon-nur.cambs.sch.uk)  
 Nikki: [NEvans@huntingdon-nur.cambs.sch.uk](mailto:NEvans@huntingdon-nur.cambs.sch.uk)  
 Claire: [Head@huntingdon-nur.cambs.sch.uk](mailto:Head@huntingdon-nur.cambs.sch.uk)

**Heritage Booklets**

Your child will be coming home with a heritage booklet for you to fill out with them. This will enable us to see what is important for your family to celebrate or enjoy at home so we can celebrate it with you in nursery.

**Facebook:** For regular updates 'like' our Facebook page – Click here  Click on here to access our school website page: [www.huntingdon-nur.cambs.sch.uk](http://www.huntingdon-nur.cambs.sch.uk)

**Your child not well?** If your child is not well please check the website below to see if your child should be in nursery or not. If your child has needed Calpol for pain or a fever please do not bring them into nursery until they are not requiring it. <https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school>

**Primary School Places September 2024**

Applications for primary School places for next September have opened. I will Email all Parents whose children this applies to with the Information shortly. Also each room will have information, so please ask them or come into the office if you have any other questions.

**Term Dates**

Half Term: Monday 23rd – Friday 27th October  
**School closed for staff training:** Monday 30th October  
 Last day of term: Wednesday 20<sup>st</sup> December  
 Christmas Holidays: Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> Dec -Wednesday 3rd Jan  
 February Half Term: 19<sup>th</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2024