

# Early Years Newsletter



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King Henry VIII Preparatory School

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## NURSERY NEWS

Welcome back to the final half term of the year, we cannot believe how quickly the year has gone!

We have had some wonderful half term news and photos from the children, which have also included the arrival of a new baby for a couple of our families. Wonderful News!

### Tadpoles

Prior to the half term holiday, Nursery said a sad goodbye to the tadpoles.

We have watched them emerge from their frogspawn as tiny, wriggly tadpoles and over the weeks and months they have tripled in size, grown legs and become froglets before our eyes! It really has been wonderful for the children to see. It was agreed that the time had come to release them to their new homes in ponds elsewhere where they will be happier and continue to grow.

### Summer

This half term is due to be very busy once again. We have been talking about summer in the hope that the sunshine returns! The children have enjoyed making summer pictures using a variety of media, including sand. They described the texture and also added sparkly glitter for extra effect.



We hope the sunshine returns to us very soon! During hot days, to keep the children safe in the sun, please could you ensure they are covered in all day sun cream before arriving at Nursery. If you wish sun cream to be reapplied through the day, please send in a named bottle of sun cream which can be kept at Nursery.

### Nursery Summer Show

The children have been very busy rehearsing for the forthcoming show next week. We will be performing to parents on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> June. All parents now should have received their tickets for the dates they specified. Thank you to parents for sending in the children's show costumes and if any costumes have not yet been sent in, please do so as soon as possible as we will need these in Nursery for our dress rehearsal on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> June. The costumes will be sent home with the children on the afternoon of the 13<sup>th</sup>. Please could we ask that children come to school dressed in their show clothes on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> ready for the performances to start promptly at 9.30am. School uniform should be brought in a bag ready for children to change back into their uniform after each performance.



Our production 'From Baking Tray to Summer Bay' is a twist on the Gingerbread Man story and we hope you will enjoy it if you are coming to watch us next week! The children have been working really hard to make it a wonderful end of year production for their families!

## RECEPTION NEWS

### Welcome Back!

One thing I wish we'd done this Reception year is measure our children on their first week. They have each grown in so many incredible ways, but it's clear to see now just how tall and grown up they are! We have been delighted this week to welcome all children back in for our final summer term; a very busy and exciting one its going to be!

### Nursery/Reception Coffee Morning

Just a little reminder about our Coffee Morning coming up on **Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> June 2017** in the Swallows Hall. You can drop in at any time between **9.00am and 10:30am** to have a friendly chat about Reception life at King Henry VIII Preparatory School with our 'soon to be' Reception parents.



We hope that the morning shall be enjoyed by all and used as an opportunity to get to know the school, some of its staff and families. It also gives our new parents a chance to ask our lovely current parents any questions which they may have.

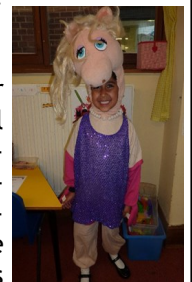
We would welcome as many guests as possible to make the morning a huge success! Please do join us if you can and show your support. If possible, please email [brands@khps.co.uk](mailto:brands@khps.co.uk) to confirm your attendance so that we can prepare for numbers.

### Snacks

Please can all morning snacks be of a healthy choice, preferably fruit or chopped vegetables. It has recently been brought to our attention that 'Winders' and 'Yo-Yo Bears' are very sticky and bad for children's teeth. We felt this was worth mentioning as it may affect your choice of break time snack.

### Fairytales

Our final topic in Reception this year shall be Fairy tales. This delightful topic allows us plenty of scope for language based tasks (speaking and listening), role play and stimulus for children's written tasks. Children have already been performing puppet shows using finger puppets, looking at story sequences as well as writing invites/letters/thank you cards to various story characters. In time, we will also learn to show empathy with characters through role-play and 'hot seating'.





### Fathers Day- Challenge Day!

*“Walk alongside me, Daddy and hold my little hand. I have so many things to learn that I don’t yet understand. Teach me things to keep me safe from dangers every day. Show me how to do my best at home, at school and at play”*. Every child needs a gentle hand to guide us as we grow and we’d like to invite all of our wonderful Fathers and Grandfathers in to school for a ‘Challenge Day’.

On Friday 16<sup>th</sup> June at 1.30pm, we’re looking forward to working outside in teams to create large castles, constructed from junk modelling and boxes from home. A separate letter shall come home with more details on and a reply slip. In the mean time, please remember to send in as many large boxes as possible... the pile is slowly growing in Hornbeam Room with Miss Cook!



### Thank you

‘Part of the healing process is sharing it with people who care’. A huge thank you from Mrs Brand for all of the cards, drawings and well wishes sent whilst she was off having surgery. She was delighted to return to work this week to so many smiling faces and cuddles!