



Dates for your diary this half term at Strong Close



Walk and Talk Cafés ! Due to the success of our walk and talk cafés we have organised more dates at **9.15am** on **Thursday 14th October** for the SEND group and on **Tuesday 19th October** for all parents/carers, who will need to be responsible for their own children not in school. Bring a flask and we'll provide the cake and biscuits!



Stay and Play sessions for babies, toddlers and pre-schoolers will resume at **9.30– 10.30am** on **Wednesday 22nd September** each week to **6th October**. It is a great way for you and your child to meet new people and make new friends.

MacMillan Cancer Support Coffee Morning. 9.15am
Tuesday 28th September— details to follow



Imagination Library Introduction event-9.15am and 1.00pm on **Wednesday 13th October**. Why not come along and find out more about the Imagination Library and how you can use the free book your child receives each month to support their learning at home.

Information session on the 50 Things To Do Before You're 5 app at **9.15am** and **1.00pm** on **Wednesday 20th October** Please come along to find out more about the app which has lots of activities for you and your child to experience together.



For all bookings above please email office@strongclose.co.uk or call 01535 605272.
Thank you

Welcome to another exciting year at Strong Close Nursery School . Further to our consultation please find the new times of the school day below.

Morning session drop off is from 8:45-9.00am when the register closes and pick up is from **11.35- 11:45am** when the doors close.

Afternoon session drop off is from 12:30-12.45pm when the register closes and pick up is from **3.20-3:30pm** when the doors close.



Why not download the 50 Things to do Before You're 5 app for lots of age appropriate ideas of activities, places to visit and things to do with your child.

Why don't you follow us on Facebook



Watch out for our **What's Happening** emailed to you every week. It gives ideas about what the children have been interested in at nursery and how you can develop these ideas at home. You can also find copies on our Facebook page /website or in the main entrance as a hard copy.



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This Half Term in Red, Blue, Green & Yellow Rooms
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More detailed plans are done on a weekly basis. Please let us know if you would like your own copy. We will also keep you updated through our weekly 'What's Happening' - copies are emailed to all parents/main carers and are available on our website and Facebook pages.

Jeśli potrzebujesz tłumaczenia na język polski użyj numeru.

যদি এই অনুবাদ বাংলায় চান তাহলে উপরের সংখ্যায় যোগাযোগ করুন। اگر آپ اردو میں اس کا ترجمہ کرنا چاہتے ہیں تو اوپر سے رابطہ کریں۔

Red Room – 2-3 year olds

Extending children's interests, knowledge and skills

You may have noticed your child posting objects, lining things up or spinning around. This is your child engaging in schematic play and is when children repeat certain actions or behaviours because they are exploring an idea that interests them. You can play a big part in helping children learn. Your involvement in your child's play is important to help introduce challenges and extend your child's existing knowledge.

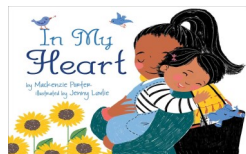
To find out more about schemas and repeated patterns of play visit :-

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SDIUA8ZzHUE>

Introducing new knowledge and skills

This term we will be welcoming back our returning children and helping new children to settle, to learn the routines and become independent at Nursery. We look forward to spending time with you all and finding out about your interests.

Our core story this term is *In My Heart* written by Mackenzie Porter and focuses on loved ones always being nearby. We will look at how different and special we all are and our different families including our pets. The children will begin to develop positive attitudes to diversity and inclusion and feel valued and that they belong.



How you can help support your child's learning

Please send in a family photo or email a copy to office@strongclose.co.uk so that we can celebrate families with your child and help them with their transition into or back into Nursery.



THIS HALF-TERM IN NURSERY

Blue , Yellow and Green Rooms—3-5 year olds

Extending children's interests, knowledge and skills



For all of our children this term will be an important time as they are either starting nursery for the first time or returning after the summer break.

We will be concentrating first on welcoming back our existing children and then settling our new starters on a gradual basis. We will help children to manage their feelings and behaviour as they learn to cooperate and look after the environment. We will be introducing them to the routines and expectations of nursery for example preparing snack, how to put on an apron and their coat, replacing and helping to put the toys away.



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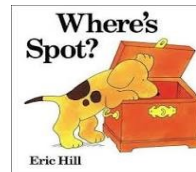


We're Going on a Bear Hunt is the core story in **blue** and **yellow** room this term written by Michael Rosen .

It is a wonderful book full of repetition and rhythm. The children will have the opportunity to follow and join in the family's excitement as they wade through the grass, splash through the river and squelch through the mud in search of a bear as we use the story to sequence and re-enact the roles, through actions and sound. We will think about what happens next and try and recall events from the story. We will be linking our story with teddy bears as they offer comfort and emotional support and provide children with activities to find out where bears live and talk about our own bears.



Where's Spot? Is the core story in **green** room this half term written by Eric Hill. It is the story of a mummy dog who is looking for her puppy because it's time for dinner. It is in a lift the flap format which links to the enveloping schema that many of the returning children have been exhibiting. We will be learning the names and Makaton signs for the animals in the book, areas of our homes, furniture and prepositions.



How you can help support your child's learning

Photos of the children's families

We would like to create family boards within each of the nursery rooms.

This will give us the opportunity to talk to the children about their families, people who are special to them and about similarities and differences between families .Please ask the adults in nursery to take your photo or you could email them to office@strongclose.co.uk so we can print them to add to the display.



Reading at home Why not join the nursery library and borrow our core stories to share with your child. You can also look out for books about starting nursery,

which will help support your child. In addition sign up to the new Imagination Library Keighley where each-child will receive a free book every month in the post. Sign up at <https://imaginationlibrary.com/uk/affiliate/WYKKEIGHLEY/>

Please put your child's name in any important clothing like coats, permanent marker pens are the easiest method and are usually available in the £1 shop or stationery section of all the big supermarkets .