Dates for your diary this half term at Strong Close

Parental Consultations for all **returning** children will be during week commencing 16th September. Look out for your email inviting you to book a time with your child's key person.

Stay and Play sessions for babies, toddlers and pre-schoolers will run from Tuesday 24th September mornings 9.30 – 11.00am, look out for dates and times advertised on the flyers or on our Facebook page.

The sessions on the 1st and 8th October will include Imagination Library Story Telling Sessions for children 0-2 years. Book a place and find out about simple activities to enhance each story at home.

Parent Cafés! MacMillan Cancer Support Coffee Morning. 9.00am Thursday 26th September.

Rachel our new Artist in Residence will be at nursery every Wednesday. This half term she will be working with the children in **blue**, yellow and **green** rooms.

Black history month is the 1st-31st October it honours the history of Black communities and recognises great achievements made by Black leaders.

If your child attends for full days you may be entitled to free school meals. You can apply at https://www.bradford.gov.uk/benefits/applying-for-benefits/free-school-meals/ or speak to the office for more information.

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 .

Good attendance gives your child the best possible start in life and prepares them for the future. Please find the 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.

Parking information for school look out for your letter and map explaining the best options of where to park. Please note that the **front carpark** and the **double yellow** lines outside school are for disabled blue badge users only. Thank you as parking is also an issue at all local schools.

Friday 25th October - School closes for the half term and re opens on Tuesday 5th November.

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.

Watch out for our What's Happening emailed to you every week for ideas about what the children have been interested in at nursery, how we then develop their learning through play 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, Purple, Blue, Green & Yellow Rooms

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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.

For all bookable activities in turquoise overleaf please email office@strongclose.co.uk or call 01535 605272. Thank you

Jeśli potrzebujesz tlumaczenia na jezyk polski uzyj numeru.

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THIS HALF-TERM IN NURSERY

Red and Purple Room – 2-3 year olds

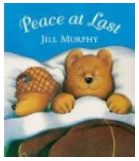
Extending children's interests, knowledge and skills

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 visit :-https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wiF2t4Z04nk

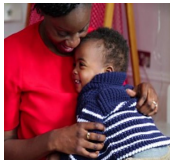
Introducing new knowledge and skills

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



Peace at Last written by Jill Murphy is the core story in **red** and **purple** rooms this half term. It is a is a fantastic bedtime story which tells the tale of father bear who has trouble getting to sleep, due to noises during the night which continuously keep him awake. We will be encouraging the children to join in with the repetition of the story and symbolic sounds.

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 return back to school.

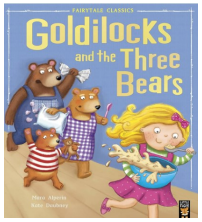
Blue , Yellow and Green Rooms—3-5 year olds

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. Then we will help

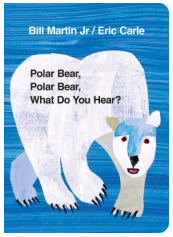
children to manage their feelings and behaviour as they learn to cooperate and look after the environment. In addition, we will be introducing them to the routines and expectations of nursery for example preparing snack, how to put on an apron and their coat, replacing and helping to put the toys away and cleaning and tidy up time.

Introducing new knowledge and skills



Our core story this half term in **blue** and **yellow** rooms is **Goldilocks and the Three Bears.** The children will be given the opportunity to listen to this traditional tale and then retell the narrative in their own words using props. The will also have the opportunity to act out the story in the home corner and help to make porridge for snack. We will be singing songs about bears and counting how many bears they can see. We will be developing the children's fast recognition of up to three objects without counting them. This is known as subitising. We will be exploring sizes and talking to the children about the language of size such as big, bigger, biggest. The children will have the opportunity to talk about being kind and what it is to be a good friend. We will learn about bears, where they live and what they like to eat.

Polar Bear, Polar Bear, What Do You Hear? is the core story in **green** room this half term written by Bill Martin Jr. and illustrated by Eric Carle. It is an engaging picture book combining animals, colours and sounds. We will be encouraging the children to join in with the repeated refrain, **"What do you hear?"** We will be learning the signs for the animals and using sounds buttons to bring the story to life. We will also introduce sequencing activities linked to the story.



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. Your child will be given a free book bag to join the nursery library, so you can borrow our core and other stories to share with your child at home. You can also look out for books about starting nursery, which will help support your child. In addition sign up to the **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 local shops.