



Newsletter - September 2019

Dear Parents

Hello & welcome to you all. All children are settling well into Early Learners and despite a few tears from only one or two children all are enjoying their time with us and are beginning to make good relationships with staff.



Please can we ask you to come on time not too early & not too late as this can be upsetting for the children. Gates will be open 5 minutes before the session 8:55 or 12:40 and close 10 minutes after session has started.

Please can you ensure that all bringers and collectors have the correct password. We have had a few incidences when the password has been forgotten or incorrect. This causes a delay in the hand-over process which can be distressing for your child.



Staff are always happy to speak to parents at the end of a session but could we please ask you to wait until all the children have been collected to ensure safe collection of ALL the children.



Signing in/out- Can we please remind all bringers and collectors to sign in and out on the register in the porch.

Bags- No food/drink or medicine in bags if there is can you please hand bags to staff so they can place the bag into the staff room.



Medicine- As children are only in Early Learners for a short period of time staff cannot administer medicine unless the children have a medical condition recognised by a G.P. or consultant.



Pushchairs- Due to health and safety pushchairs need to be left outside of the main building.

Photographs- Photos of your children playing will very soon be appearing around the building, please take a few minutes to have a look at them.



School Fund- Thank you to all who have remembered to pay their £2.00 weekly school fund, (the children are enjoying posting their packets/envelopes with their name on in the post box). This money is used to buy children's snacks, baking ingredients, resources and equipment. We would appreciate it if all children paid their weekly contribution.



Wanted- Please can we have old mobiles, cameras, spectacles, purses, bags, maps, binoculars, pans, wooden spoons, kitchen utensils & lunchboxes/bags for the children to play with.



Names- Please can we remind you to write/label your child's coat, cardigan, jumpers, shoes etc. with their names. If names are inside it makes it easier to return things to the correct children & avoids "Mix ups".

Coat- The children access outdoors in all weathers so please make sure they have a coat and appropriate clothing.

Standing Orders- Thank you to all who have so promptly set up their standing orders. If you have not done this yet, please can you as soon as possible.

Mobile Phones- Please can we remind you for safeguarding reasons not to use mobile phones (texting, talking or taking photographs) whilst you are on the nursery premises.



Social Media/ Networking Sites-

As we all know Social networking sites such as Facebook and Twitter are now widely used. This type of media allows people to communicate in ways that were not previously possible. However, such sites can be inappropriately used by some as a means of expressing negative or offensive views about schools and their staff.

Although social networking sites may appear to be the quickest and easiest way to express frustrations or concerns about the School (and those associated with it), it is rarely appropriate to do so. Other channels, such as a private and confidential discussion with the School, or using the School's formal complaints process are much better suited to this.

The School considers the following examples to be inappropriate uses of social networking sites. (This list is non-exhaustive and intended to provide examples only):

- Making allegations about staff or pupils at the School/cyber-bullying;
- Making complaints about the School/staff at the School;
- Making defamatory statements about the School or staff at the School;
- Posting negative/offensive comments about specific pupils/staff at the School;
- Posting racist comments;
- Posting comments which threaten violence.



Please can we ask for you co-operation in following these guidelines when using Social media/ Networking sites.





Nursery Places- Have you registered your child for nursery school? This must be done before the end of March as places are allocated in May.

Diary- Future Dates/ Events- Here are some dates of future events- further details will follow.

Monday 21st October- Governor Week- Governor will be in working in Early Learners alongside staff and children.

Friday 25th October- School closes- half term.

Monday 4th November- School opens

Monday 11th November- Sponsored obstacle courses run throughout this week.



Early Learner Places-We still have some places at Early Learners (both funded and paid). If you want to add sessions or you know someone who may want a place for their child please contact Mrs Marshall in the office.



Spare Uniforms- We still have lots of spare uniforms. If you would like any please see a member of staff.

Website- Please keep checking this out for information, dates of events & photographs www.seahamharbour.durham.sch.uk

Parent Governors- The school Governing body have a vacancy for a parent governor. If you are interested in becoming a governor or would like more information on this please can you see Mrs Scott before 1st October.



Thank you

Mrs Scott