



Newsletter - September 2019

Dear Parents



Hello & welcome to all children and their families, we hope everyone enjoys their time here at Seaham Harbour Nursery School.



Our initial theme this half term is "Early Days" giving children lots of opportunities to learn the routines & expectations of nursery as well as discovering lots of new learning experiences.

S.T.A.R. - Remember to check the STAR (Super Teacher Activity Resources) Board for ideas/activities you can do at home.



Stories from Home- Sheets are available from the notice board. Complete a sheet letting us know what your child has been doing at home and hand it back to your child's keyworker for your child's learning journey.



Plasma TV- Keep watching for new photographs of the children in their early days at nursery.



School Fund- Please can we ask children pay their weekly £2.00 school fund & wherever possible give this to your child in a named envelope on a Monday so they can hand it in to a member of staff. This money is used to buy children's snack, baking ingredients, resources and equipment. We would appreciate it if all children paid their weekly contribution.



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

Tags- We have tagged the children's coats with small coloured fobs. This is to help your child & staff find coats when they are hanging on the pegs. We would appreciate it if you would leave them attached to your child's coat. (Obviously if you change your child's coat please swap the fob over).



Bags- Children do not need to bring a bag to nursery. The bag causes congestion in the porch and makes it very difficult for coats & pegs to be found.

Wellies- Your child can bring a pair of wellies to nursery. If they do we will put them on our new wellie stands under the outdoor canopy (we are no longer keeping them in the entrance porch).



Fence- Please can we ask if you arrive early to collect your child you do not stand at the fence. This can be very upsetting & distressing for your child especially if you are shouting at & calling them over & it makes it very difficult for your child to engage in the activities on offer.



Recyclable Materials- "Junk"- Please can we have empty boxes, tubs, pots & tubes for the children to make models with. Please No Milk bottles/Cartons



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

Breakfast Club - Is available everyday 8:00-8:45 £2 per day. Please see Mrs Marshall in the office.



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

Tuesday 8th October- Chat & Stay "Fun pack scheme" 9-10:30, 12:45-2:15

Monday 14th October- Governor Week- Governors will be in school working alongside staff and children.

Tuesday 15th October- Bulb planting 9-10 or 12:45-1:45

Monday 21st October Sponsored obstacle course and cake stall

9:00-11:00, 12:45-2:45

Friday 25th October- School closes- half term.

Monday 4th November- School opens



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.



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.

Early Learners-We still have some places at Early Learners (both free and funded). If you have a younger child 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 help yourself from the rails outside the entrance porch.

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



Thank you
Mrs Scott