



Newsletter -March 2017

Dear Parents



Welcome back after the half term holiday. Please can you take a few minutes to complete & return a 'Story from Home' sheet for your child's learning journey. Please can you also complete the attached questionnaire.



Our Learning theme this half term is "Growth and Change". Keep watching the plasma screen for photographs of the children & checking the theme board for ideas of activities you can do at home.



As usual this half term is very busy & we have lots of things planned for you & the children.



Thursday 2nd March- World Book Day- Come along between 9-10 & 12:45-1:45 to read books to children to celebrate World Book Day. Children DO NOT need fancy dress costumes.

Monday 20th March- Special Delivery- We will be having a special delivery of "10 eggs" today & hopefully from the 22nd March we will be able to see some "Living Eggs" hatch.



Friday 24th March Red Nose Day- We will be raising money for 'Comic Relief' by having a "Non- Uniform/ Odd Socks Day". Children can come to nursery in ordinary clothes & to add to the fun wear "odd socks" & please donate a £1 in the charity bucket. We will be doing lots of fun activities for Red Nose Day.

Tuesday 28th March- Spring Craft Day- Come along & join the children in Spring/ Easter activities. Refreshments will be available, more details to follow.



Wednesday 5th April- Easter Concert/Hat Parade/ Grand Raffle- Come along & listen to the children sing their Easter/Spring songs. All children will need a Easter hat/ bonnet. The grand raffle will also be drawn (More details to follow). Jim Prior will video the concert/hat parade.

Friday 7th April- School closes for Easter & re-opens Monday 24th April.

Monday 24th- Wed 26th April- Parent Review Meetings- Appointments must be made by 31st March.



School Places- The Local Authority allocate places for primary school in early/mid April. As soon as you know your child's school please let Mrs Scott know.

Childcare/Additional services/ Breakfast/ Lunch

Remember we have additional sessions for your children, as well as lunch club and breakfast. These are wonderful opportunities for your children to develop their friendship groups, social skills, prepare for school and try new foods. See Mrs Marshall in office for more information.



Webpage- www.seahamharbour.durham.sch.uk- Don't forget to keep looking at our web page for information, notices and photographs. We are currently updating the style & content keep checking it over to see how it's changing.



Annual Meeting for Parents

The Governing Body are required to invite parents to an annual meeting. This meeting will take place subject to 20 or more parents requesting such a meeting. If any parent is interested in attending then requests need to be made to Mrs Scott no later than 7th April.



Active Kids

We are once again collecting Sainsbury's Active Kids vouchers available from all Sainsbury stores, petrol stations & when ordering groceries online. Please can you collect vouchers & post them in the special collection box in the entrance porch.



Dogs on school grounds- Please can we remind you not to bring any dogs onto the school grounds (or leave them tied to the school entrance gates). Some children are frightened of dogs (regardless of their size) and the dogs can become very frustrated/ anxious about being tied to the fence & then jump up at the children.



Mobile Phones- Can we please remind you for safeguarding reasons that mobile phones (whether texting, phoning, playing games or photographing) must not be used whilst on the nursery premises and grounds.



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.

Thank you

Carole Scott
Headteacher