



## Newsletter -February 2019

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.



Our Learning theme this half term continues as "Lets Investigate". Keep watching the plasma screen for photographs of the children & checking the 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 7th 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 to wear fancy dress costumes. All children will receive a book voucher & book gift set.

Library Visits- From this week & every Friday the children will be visiting the library in small groups to share books & listen to stories. This will continue throughout the Spring term.



Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> March- Bread Making- Terry Gee from Asda will be visiting nursery today to make bread with the children.

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March Red Nose Day (more details to follow).



Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> March- Spring Craft Day- Come along & join the children in Spring/ Easter activities. Refreshments will be available, (more details to follow).

Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 to wear on the parade. Jim Prior will video the concert/hat parade. Please can children wear a yellow t-shirt/ top on this day. The grand raffle will also be drawn at the end of the afternoon concerts (More details to follow). Unfortunately due to limited space &



numbers of children adults coming to view are limited to 2 per child. The adults for the morning are the **Blue**, **White Am** & **Yellow** groups need to come to nursery for the 10.00 performance. The adults for the afternoon are the **Red**, **White 30 hours & pm** & the **Green** group need to come to nursery for the 1:45 performance. The raffle will be drawn after the afternoon performance.

Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April- School closes for Easter & re-opens Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April.



30 hour checker confirmation- Please can we remind parents who have not reconfirmed their codes since the 1<sup>st</sup> January to do so & let Mrs Marshall know. If we don't receive confirmation before 31<sup>st</sup> March then children will not be able to attend for 30 hours from April.

School Places- The Local Authority will be allocating places for primary schools on 16<sup>th</sup> April (Usually by email). As soon as you know your child's school please let Mrs Scott know.



Webpage- [www.seahamharbour.durham.sch.uk](http://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.



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.

Attendance- Please can we remind you if your child is absent from nursery that you contact us (by either telephone or email) on the first day of absence giving the reason for your child's absence. If you do not contact us we will follow this up with a telephone call. All reasons for absence are recorded in a log book. We realise attending nursery is non-statutory, however we do have a duty to record & report attendance and absenteeism. Good attendance at nursery is important in achieving success in all areas of learning & development and good practice for statutory school.

Hello & Welcome after following successful interviews Ms Ann Bate has recently joined the nursery staff. Ann will have a dual role here, on a morning & evening as the school caretaker & on a lunchtime as the school cook. We welcome Ann & she has already started to meet the children & is looking forward to clearing up after the children & cooking for them.

Thank you

Carole Scott  
Headteacher