



Early Learners 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 take a few moments to complete the attached questionnaire.



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

Story/ Rhyme Bags- From this week story/rhyme bags will be issued to the families who have signed up we hope you will enjoy sharing the story bags with your children.



Registering for Nursery- Have you remembered to register your child for nursery? Registration closes on 31st March. Places for nursery are allocated the week beginning 8th May.



Monday 20th March- Special Delivery- A special delivery of "10 eggs" will arrive in the main nursery & over the course of the following 2 weeks Early Learners will be visiting nursery to watch the hatching and hold the chicks.



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.



Monday 27th March & Thursday 30th March- Spring Craft Day- Come along & join the children in Spring/ Easter activities. Refreshments will be available more details to follow.



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

Monday 24th & Thursday 27th April- Parent Review Meetings- Appointment

lists will be available soon in the entrance porch.

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 & give them to staff in Early Learners.



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, grounds.



Social Media/ Networking Sites-

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.

Can we ask for your co-operation in following these guidelines when using Social Media.

Reminder- Please can you return your 30 hour letter as soon as possible, even if you think you may not be eligible.

Thank you

Carole Scott
Headteacher