



Early Learners 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.



As usual this half term is very busy & we have lots of things planned for you & the children, starting this week with celebrating Chinese New Year.



Story/ Rhyme Bags- Please find attached a letter and form detailing information about our story/rhyme bags.



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

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 fancy dress costumes. All children will receive a book token.



Registering for Nursery- Have you remembered to register your child for nursery? Registration closes on 29th March. Places for nursery are allocated at the beginning of May.



Friday 15th March 2019- Red Nose Day (More details to follow)

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

Friday 5th April - Early Learners closes for Easter & re-opens Tuesday 23rd April.



Webpage- www.seahamharbour.durham.sch.uk Don't forget to keep looking at our web page for information, notices and photographs.



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.

Entrance Ramp- Can we remind you the children are your responsibility when entering & leaving the premises and for health and safety reasons please do not allow your children to climb on the wall or run up & down the ramp (the wall is very high & the bricks are hard!).

Session Times- Can we remind parents of starting and finishing times of sessions. It is important children come on time & are collected on time, being extremely early is as difficult for young children as being late. Gates will be open 5 minutes before session starts and shut 10 minutes after.

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

