



## Early Learners Newsletter -January 2018

Dear Parents

Happy New Year to you all, we hope you had a wonderful Christmas and we wish you all the best for the coming year.



We welcome our new children & their families & hope they have a wonderful time with us at Seaham Harbour Nursery School.



Please can you take a few minutes to complete the attached 'Story from Home' sheet about the Christmas holidays and return it to your child's keyworker so it can be added to your child's learning journey.

We also welcome Miss Laura Crighton a teaching student from Northumberland University. Miss Crighton is looking forward to working with your children over the next 6 weeks.

School Fund- Thank you to all who have remembered to pay their £2.00 weekly school fund, (the children are enjoying posting their packets/envelopes in the post box).

### Wanted

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We are looking out for extra resources... so if you have any old mobile phones, cameras, dressing up clothes, lunchboxes, bags, purses, books etc please send them in for children to play with.

We also could do with pants, socks, tights, leggings or trousers to change children into when they are wet.



### Coats, shoes, hats, scarves, jumpers, etc-

Please make sure your child's names are inside their bags, clothes and shoes. We cannot take responsibility for unnamed items as it is impossible to match unnamed items to children.

### Dress for the weather

Please can you make sure children are dressed appropriately for the outdoors...coats, hats, scarves, mittens, boots/wellies etc... and everything has your child's name on.



Inclement Weather - in the event of inclement weather please check the school's website [www.seahamharbour.durham.sch.uk](http://www.seahamharbour.durham.sch.uk) & local radio stations for guidance on school closures.



Mobile Phones- Please can we remind you for safeguarding reasons do not use mobile phones in or around nursery school buildings. (This includes texting, phoning, playing games or photographing).

### 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.

### Week Beginning 29<sup>th</sup> January- Governor Week

Governors will be in school throughout this week, meeting the children & working alongside the staff

### Week Beginning 19<sup>th</sup> February- Chinese New Year.

To develop the children's understanding & knowledge of different cultures we are celebrating Chinese New Year. The children will have opportunities to dress in traditional Chinese costumes, make masks & dragons, learn a dragon dance & eat real Chinese food!





### Nursery Admissions

Have you remembered to apply for a nursery place for your child to start next September? Just because your child attends Early Learners does not mean they automatically have a place at Seaham Harbour Nursery School. Please see Mrs Marshall in the main office.



### Medicines

Please can we ask you not to leave any medication in the children's bags, any medication needs to be handed over to a member of staff. Thank You.

Coming Soon... story & rhyme bags for your children to use at home. Look out for more information in February.



Parent Governors- The school Governing Body have vacancies for 2 Parent Governors. If you are interested in becoming a governor or would like more information on this please can you see Mrs Scott before 2<sup>nd</sup> February.

Website- Please keep checking this out for information, dates of events & photographs [www.seahamharbour.durham.sch.uk](http://www.seahamharbour.durham.sch.uk)



Early Learners closes at the end of Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February 2018 for half term holidays & re-opens Monday February 19<sup>th</sup> 2018.

Thank you  
The Early Learners Staff

