



Seaham Harbour Nursery School

## Early Learners Newsletter -January 2019

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.

**WANTED**

### Wanted

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 trousers, leggings, shoes and socks 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 28<sup>th</sup> January- Governor Week

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

## Week Beginning 4<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.

Health & Safety notice- Please when entering & leaving Early Learners can you keep your children with you & do not allow them to run up & down the ramps/climb on walls.(This also includes older children waiting to collect younger ones).



For health and safety reasons pushchairs need to be left outside. If you are leaving your child's pushchair until pick up a rain cover should be placed over the pushchair covering these as the porch is not big enough to accommodate pushchairs and children access the porch throughout their sessions.

Light Bites-Can I remind parents that if you need light bite arrangements for your child you book in and pay in advance as light bites are becoming very popular & some days we are full & we have had to turn children away. If you would like your child to stay on a regular basis please see Vicki who can set up a standing order arrangement for you.

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 15<sup>th</sup> February 2019 for half term holidays & re-opens Monday February 25<sup>th</sup> 2019.

Some dates for your diaries:-

Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> February- Parent Reviews

Fri 1<sup>st</sup> March Library Visits commence

Week Beginning 25<sup>th</sup> March- Spring Craft Day

Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April- Early Learners closes for Easter.

Further details will be given in later newsletters.

Thank you

Mrs Scott & The Early Learners Staff

