



Seaham Harbour Nursery School

Newsletter - November 2019

Dear Parents

We hope you have enjoyed the half term holiday and we would love to hear what the children have been up to.



Attached to this letter is a "Story from home" sheet for you to complete and return to your child's keyworker so it can be added to your child's special file.

Our topic theme this half term is "Celebrations", covering a range of learning opportunities.



Sponsor Money- Thank you all who have handed in their sponsor money, if you have not done so yet please can you bring it in a.s.a.p (So we can send it off to Santa!!!)

Cake Stall- Thank you to all who contributed cakes for our cake stall & bought them. We raised £126 for Macmillan Cancer charity, a terrific amount thank you once again.



Keyworker Groups- Please can we remind you that children need to be in nursery at 8:45 and 12:30 for their Key worker groups. These groups are valuable learning times for your children & activities cannot be repeated if they are missed.

30 hour checker confirmation- Please can we remind parents who have not reconfirmed their codes to do so & let Mrs Marshall know. If we do not receive confirmation before 31st December then children will not be able to attend for 30 hours in January.



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Car Park/Entrance to School- Please can we remind you that the car park & front entrance to the school is NOT a play area for children to use. We kindly request older children either wait outside the side entrance gates or stand sensibly with parents/carers in the entrance porch. We thank you in anticipation of your co-operation in this matter.



Car Park- Please can we ask parents/ carers NOT to cut across the school car park when bringing & collecting children from school. Please use the side path & gate at all times.

Bringers & Collectors- It is important you let staff know before home time if someone different to the named collectors is coming to pick up your child. We have had one or two incidents where we have not known who the person is & have had to stop them.

Over the next half term we have a lot of events planned.



Friday November 15th Spotty Day for Pudsey/Teddy Bears Picnic- We will be celebrating Children in Need and ask all children to come to nursery in their Spotty clothes (Please no onesies), bring a teddy & a £1 donation for the charity. We will be having lots of Pudsey activities and a teddy bears picnic & hopefully a special visitor.



Monday 18th & Thursday 21st November Parent Reviews- Please make an appointment to speak to Mrs Wilson, Mrs Henry & your child's keyworker about your child's progress at nursery. Please see Mrs Marshall in the office to book appointment.

Thursday 28th November- Pantomime- Durham Gala Theatre 'Aladdin' for All children. £10 per child, payable by 21st November. All children need to be at nursery by 8:30. The 15 hour groups need to be collected at 1:15 from nursery. The 30 hour groups will remain at nursery & will need to be collected at 3:30. Uniforms must be worn for this visit. Further details to follow.



Wednesday 4th December- Jim Prior Videoing

Jim will be in nursery both morning and afternoon videoing the children for the Christmas DVD. DVDs can be ordered from this day £10 each. Orders can only be placed when paid for. Orders must be placed by 14th December.



Wednesday 11th December- Dress Rehearsals

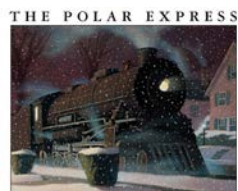
Children will perform their concerts for pupils from Ropery Walk Primary School. Jim Prior will also video the concerts for the Christmas DVD.

Thursday 12th December- Concerts

Children will perform their concerts on Thursday 12th December. Unfortunately due to limited space & high numbers of children we will have to restrict adult numbers viewing the concert to a max of 2 per child. Morning audience of children (Yellow morning group, White & Red groups) need to come for 10:00 performance. Afternoon audience of (Yellow afternoon group, Blue & Green groups) need to come for 1:45 performance. (Further details later.)



Friday 13th December Jumper Day- We will be supporting the NSPCC appeal. Children can come to nursery in a Christmas Jumper and bring a £1 donation for the charity.



Monday 16th December Christmas Craft- Please come along & join the children with Christmas activities, have a Christmas snack & story. Further details later.

Tuesday 17th December Polar Express Day

Children will need to come to nursery in their Pyjamas/dressing gowns (please no onesies or slippers) to go on a Polar Express adventure in nursery!

Thursday 19th December- Christmas Parties.

There will be 2 parties, the 30 hour children will come on a morning 8:45-12:30 and go home after their lunch. The 15 hour children will come in on the afternoon at 12:30 for their party. Further details to follow.

PARTY

Friday 20th December- "Magic John" Entertains. All children need to come to nursery at 8:45 for Magic John to entertain them. This will be followed by a giant picnic. The 15 hour children need to be collected at 11:15 & the 30 hour children at 3:00.



Wanted-Baubles, beads, tinsel, poinsettia flowers etc- If you have any spare please send them in for children to use in their creative activities.



Christmas Cards- To make it easier for yourselves and staff and more meaningful to the children, please send only 1 Christmas card in (after 1st December and this will be displayed for children to see). Please do not send in cards for all children.



Coats, Jumpers, Hats, Scarves, Gloves & Shoes - Please make sure your child's name is on all these things so it is easier for staff to match the items to your child, when they take them off.

Dress for weather -As the weather is changing can we please ask children are dressed appropriately (i.e. coats and hats) as the children access outside in all weathers.



Wellies- Remember your child can bring a pair of named wellies to nursery & leave them on the wellie stands under the outdoor canopy. (These are very useful on muddy and wet days!)



Application for School- It is essential you apply for a school place for your child to start school next September. This application must be made to the Local Authority by Wednesday 15th January. Any late applications may result in your child not having a school place.



Parent Governors- The school Governing Body have a vacancy for a parent governor. If you are interested in becoming a governor please see Mrs Scott before November 11th.

Christmas Holidays- Nursery will finish on Friday 20th December and will re-open on Tuesday 7th January.

Thank you

The Nursery Staff