



Early Learners Newsletter -March 2020

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.



Story/ Rhyme Bags-We will be distributing our bags from 9<sup>th</sup> March.

Library Visits- After Easter the children will be visiting the library in small groups to share books & listen to stories.

Registering for Nursery- Have you remembered to register your child for nursery? Registration closes on 30<sup>th</sup> March. Places for nursery are allocated at the beginning of May. Please can you complete expression of interest forms previously distributed. If you need another form please see Vicki.



Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March 2020- Sport Relief Day - We will be raising money for 'Sports Relief' by having a "Non- Uniform/Something Sporty Day". Children can come to nursery in ordinary clothes or sports wear please donate a £1 in the charity bucket. We will be doing lots of physical activities for Sports Relief.



Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> March Spring Craft Day- Come along & join the children in Spring/ Easter activities. Refreshments will be available more details to follow.

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April - Early Learners closes for Easter & re-opens Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April.



Webpage- [www.seahamharbour.durham.sch.uk](http://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.



Early Learner Places- Very soon we will be offering places for Early Learners. If you know anyone who has a young child please encourage them to register a.s.a.p.

Mud Kitchens- With your weekly school fund contributions & sponsor money donations we have just taken delivery of 4 bespoke mud kitchens (2 in the nursery garden & 2 in the Early Learner's garden). The children are enjoying playing with these "making dinner". Thank you for support.

Thank you

Carole Scott  
Headteacher