



## Early Learners Newsletter -September 2020

Dear Parents,

Hello and welcome everyone, what a fantastic start to the new school year. All of the children are settling well into Early Learners and despite a few tears from only one or two children all are enjoying their time with us and are beginning to make good relationships with all staff.

We are so impressed with how easily the children have separated from their adults & entered Early Learners so calmly.

Thank you to all adults for your support and patience with our new routines and ways of working, the 'Drop & Go' procedures are quickening up as the children become familiar with the hand sanitizing on entry. Can we just remind you whilst waiting to drop off and collect you maintain the 2m social distancing rule and follow our extended starting and finishing times. These new COVID restrictions are in place to keep us all safe. I thank you in supporting us to keep us all safe and to ensure our whole school community remains as safe as possible.

We would also like to welcome Miss Francesca Hall to our team, as a keyworker in the main nursery building. Miss Hall has made a great start to her career here at Seaham Harbour Nursery School and is looking forward to working with all the children and getting to know all the families.

Our initial learning theme this half term is "Early Days", giving children lots of opportunities to learn the routines & expectations of nursery as well as discovering lots of new learning experiences. We will soon upload some photographs to the school website so you can see some of the lovely things the children have been doing.

### Stories from Home

We have attached a 'Story from Home' sheet for you to complete letting us know what your child has been doing at home. If your child returns this to nursery we will add it to their learning journal.

### School Fund

Thank you to all who have paid their school fund money. Please can we ask all children pay their weekly £2.00 school fund. This donation goes towards the cost of buying snack food, resources & equipment for the children to use. You may like to pay this as a block for a half term, monthly fortnightly or weekly. Please place in a packet or envelope with your child's name on & then your child can post it in the post box. (Why not keep some old envelopes you receive in the post & reuse these by taping them closed & crossing out the writing)

### Names

Please can we remind you to write/label your child's coat, cardigan, jumpers, bags, shoes etc with their names. If names are inside it makes it easier to return things to the correct children and avoid "Mix ups"

### Dogs

Please can we remind you not to bring any dogs onto the school premises.

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 the nursery school. (This includes texting, phoning, playing games or taking photographs).

### 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 your co-operation in following these guidelines when using Social media/ Networking sites.

### Standing Orders

Thank you to all who have so promptly set up their standing orders. If you have not done this yet, please can you as soon as possible.

### Parent Review Meetings

These would normally take place in the Autumn term, however this year the meetings may not be able to go ahead in the usual format. As and when guidance changes we will let you know our plans.

### Christmas Celebrations

We will be celebrating Christmas, but again we are sure it will be different, again once decisions are made we will let you know as soon as possible.

### Spare Uniforms

We still have lots of spare uniforms, many are new. If you would like any please help yourself from the rails outside the building.

### Nursery Places

Have you registered your child for nursery school?

This must be done before the **end of March**. If you need to register, please contact Mrs Marshall in the office for an application form.

### Website

Please keep checking this out for information, dates of events & photographs [www.seahamharbour.durham.sch.uk](http://www.seahamharbour.durham.sch.uk). We have also created a new section COVID 19 Information page, where we will upload information and guidance for parents and families.

### Parent Governors

The school governing body have a vacancy for a parent governor. If you are interested in becoming a governor or would like more information on this place can you see Mrs Scott before 9<sup>th</sup> October.

### School closes

Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2020 for half term and re-opens Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2020.

Thank you  
Mrs Scott