



Newsletter - December 2020

Dear Parents

A huge welcome back to all our nursery children. We are really pleased to see you & look forward to doing lots of lovely activities with you. We are so excited to celebrate Christmas this year at nursery. It has been a really difficult year for everyone but we are not going to let it stop our Christmas celebrations.

We have planned lots of exciting things for all the children. So make sure to keep washing hands & keep your distance from one another, so we all can continue to come to nursery & enjoy the festive time. Please find attached some NHS advice about tier 3.



Christmas Bags- All the children will be making lots of Christmas crafts at nursery & will be bringing their wonderful creations home in a special Christmas bag they have decorated.

Friday December 11<sup>th</sup>- Christmas Jumper Day- Children can come to nursery wearing a Christmas Jumper, t-shirt or anything bright. We will donate a £1 for each child to Save the Children from the school fund. (If anyone wishes to make a small donation to this charity they can in the collection bucket).

Monday 14<sup>th</sup> December- Jack and the Beanstalk Pantomime - Seaham Town Council have very kindly paid for our children to watch a recorded performance of the pantomime "Jack & the Beanstalk" at nursery. So instead of us taking the children to the pantomime, we are bringing the pantomime to the children! We are very grateful to Seaham Town Council for this donation.



Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> December- Christmas Story Day- We are having a Christmas Story Day with Hot chocolate, marshmallows & pyjamas. If the children would like to wear their pyjamas & dressing gowns (again) they can do & join in the fun. Please can we remind to not dress your child in onesies or slippers & they will still need their outdoor coats and shoes.



Christmas Parties- Friday December 18<sup>th</sup>- The morning 15 hour children & the **BLUE** 30 hour children will have their party 8:45-11:15, (lots of food, party games, dancing and presents) Children will need to be collected between **11:00-11:15**. The afternoon 15 hour children & the **GREEN** & **WHITE** 30 hour children will have their party 12:30-3:00 again lots of food, games, dancing & presents. Children will need to be collected between **2:45-3:00**. Children can wear party clothes.



Christmas Tags- Instead of children sending Christmas cards this year we are encouraging the children to complete a Christmas tag (to follow) & send it into nursery so we can hang it on our "Special Christmas Tree" We will display this outside for you all to see.



Christmas Gifts for staff- Traditionally at Christmas time the staff often receive many thoughtful gifts from children & families. These always bring us joy & we know families like to give them. However, in the current climate & pandemic may I take this opportunity to ask for support in keeping everyone safe by not sharing in this present giving ritual. All we want for Christmas is for everyone to be safe, be happy, be fit and well & have the opportunity to share the special time with their families.

Thank you Thank You Thank You



Thank you to all who gave so generously to our food bank appeal. We collected 30 carrier bags worth of produce and handed them over to Dawdon Community Centre & St Hilds & St Helens Church in Dawdon. We certainly filled the shopping trolley. We will continue having our boxes outside if anyone wishes to keep adding to them.

Thank you also for donating to Children in Need, the children had a wonderful day doing lots of 'Pudsey activities' we raised £110 for the charity.

Thank you also to all who have knitted mittens for the children. The children love wearing them and they certainly keep their hands warm.



School Applications-A final reminder to say applications for school places must be made to Local Authority by **15<sup>th</sup> January**. If you do not complete an application by this date your child may not have a school place in September.

30 hour checker confirmation- Please can we remind you if you have not reconfirmed your eligibility code this term. **YOU MUST DO SO BEFORE 14<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER**, otherwise your child will not be able to attend in January. The only information we require from you is YOUR NEXT RECONFIRMATION DATE. Please email or telephone Mrs Marshall with this.

Hello & Goodbye- You may have noticed, or your child may have said we have two new members of staff. Miss Ellie Stoker, our apprentice & Miss Lucy Crane a teaching assistant. We welcome both to Seaham Harbour Nursery School. Your child may have also said Miss Tobin has left us to have a baby, we have just found out she has had a baby girl Isabelle, we look forward to seeing Miss Tobin & Isabelle in the New Year.



Another goodbye to Miss Hall who is leaving us at Christmas to take up a post as a Class Teacher in a Primary School. We all (children and staff) will miss her, we thank her for the wonderful learning opportunities she has given the children here and we wish her all the success in her teaching career.

Nursery closes after the Christmas parties on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December 2020 and re-opens Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2021.

On behalf of the staff & governors at Seaham Harbour Nursery School may I wish you all a very SAFE & Happy Christmas & New Year.

Thank you and best wishes.

Carole Scott



