



Seaham Harbour Nursery School

Nursery Newsletter -September 2021

Dear Parents,

Hello and welcome everyone, what a fantastic start to the new school year. All of the children are settling in to nursery life, enjoying their time with us and beginning to make good relationships with staff. We are so impressed with how easily the children have separated from their adults & entered nursery so calmly.

Thank you to all adults for your support and patience with our entry & exit routines. The 'Drop & Go' procedures are quickening up as the children become familiar with the hand sanitizing on entry and the home collection is also quickening up as we become more familiar with recognising all of you. Staff continue to wear face masks/shields when talking to parents if you wish you can still wear face masks when bringing and collecting your child. We continue operating these systems to help to try & keep the whole school community as safe as possible. I thank you for supporting us with this.



We continue to keep adults visiting/entering school to a minimum. If you need to speak to a member of staff at drop off or collection, we ask if you can wait to one side & then once staff are free they can speak to you.

We would also like to welcome Miss Christina & Mrs Read to our team, they are both looking forward to working with the children and getting to know all the families.

The nursery children are one big class, where all keyworkers work with all children under the direction of myself and Mrs Wilson (our Deputy Headteacher) as the class teacher. For organisation purposes the children are grouped into key worker groups; White group - Mrs Stewart, Green group - Miss Crane, Blue group - Mrs Read and Yellow group - Miss Moore/Miss Tobin. All groups have a mixture of 15 hour & 30 hour children in. Mrs Henry is an additional teacher & Miss Stoker is our apprentice both working with all children, Miss Keegan & Miss Christina support children with additional needs.

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 it in a packet or envelope with your child's name on & then drop it in the bucket at the entrance. (Why not keep some old envelopes you receive in the post & reuse these by taping them closed & crossing out the writing)

Childcare
Choices

30 hour children

Please can we ask you to reconfirm your eligibility code for 30 hours on Childcare Choices and email Mrs Marshall with the details of your new re-confirmation date.

Thank you to all who have so promptly set up their standing order agreement. If you have not done this yet, please can you do this before the end of the month.

Names

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



Tags/Fobs on coats

We have tagged the children's coats with small coloured fobs. This is to help your child & staff find coats when they are hanging on the pegs. We would appreciate it if you would leave them attached to your child's coat. (Obviously if you change your child's coat please swap fob over).



Wellies

Your child can bring a pair of wellies to nursery and leave them here for rainy and snowy days. If they do, we will put them on our new wellie stands under the outdoor canopy.



Dogs

Please for Health and Safety reasons 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 & 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.



Starting School Forms

A reminder that the closing date for on-line applications is **15th January 2022** and **MUST** be made by this date. Any applications received after this date, may result in your child not getting a school of your choice.

Early Drop Off

This is available from 8.15-8.45, £2.00 per day. Please contact Mrs Marshall in the office for further information.



Website

Please keep checking this out for information, dates of events & photographs www.seahamharbour.durham.sch.uk.

Spare Uniforms

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



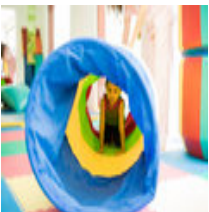
School Brochure

The school brochure is available to read on our website. If you would like a hard copy please contact Mrs Marshall in the office. The brochure has lots of information in, which we hope you will find useful.



Bulb Planting Week 11th-15th Oct

Throughout the week, the children will be planting Spring bulbs & Winter flowering plants during key worker time & outdoor activities. We have bought lots of bulbs but if you would like to send in more, we will use them with the children during the week.



Sponsored Obstacle Course 18th October

On Monday 18th October we are holding a sponsored obstacle course for the children in our wonderful garden. The children will complete the course throughout the day & will receive a certificate & badge. Unfortunately, our Risk Assessment is not allowing large numbers of visitors into school at the moment, therefore we cannot have parents/grandparents attending. A photograph of the event will be taken for your child's learning journal & photographs will also be put on the school website.

Please if you could complete the attached sponsor form & return to nursery with any sponsor money in a sealed envelope with your child's name on by half term. All money raised will be used towards Christmas events, parties and activities for the children. Children can wear trainers, jogging pants, leggings etc if they wish on the day. We thank you in anticipation of your support.



School closes on Friday 22nd October 2021 for half term and re-opens Monday 1st November 2021.

Thank you
Mrs Scott

