



Seaham Harbour Nursery School

Early Learners Newsletter - November 2023

Dear Parents,

We hope you have enjoyed the half term holiday and thank you if you have already shared some stories from home on your child's learning journal. If you haven't please could you add something, it would be lovely to have these memories in your child's special journal.



Our learning theme this half term is "Celebrations", covering a range of learning opportunities for all children, photographs of the children will appear on the school website and Class Dojo soon, again if your children take part in any celebrations at home could you add them to their learning journal please.

Core Books, Core Rhymes & Songs

Our core books this half term are "Oh Dear", "The Gruffalo", "Dear Santa" and "The Nativity". The Core Rhymes & Songs (in the booklet we sent out a few weeks ago) are Incy Wincy, Baa Baa Black Sheep, Row Row Row Your Boat, Ring-A-Ring-A-Roses, 3 Little Snowmen Fat, Jingle Bells, When Santa Got Stuck Up Chimney and We Wish You A Merry Christmas.



Thank you.....

....for the kind donations of plants and bulbs. The children have enjoyed planting and we look forward to seeing lots of spring flowers later in the year

....to all who regularly pay the £2.00 weekly school fund contribution. This money is used to buy daily snacks, treats, birthday presents and resources for the children to use. Please could we ask for everyone to try and contribute

....also for the very generous sponsor money from our obstacle course challenge. The children loved doing the obstacle course, and playing on it all week. We will use this money towards the children's Christmas presents, parties, theatre trip and special treats and also to purchase some new wooden building blocks. If you have not done so, please could you hand your money in as soon as possible.



Friday 17th November - Pyjama Day for Pudsey/Teddy Bears Picnic - We will be celebrating 'Children in Need' and ask all children to come to nursery in their pyjamas (NO SLIPPERS or ONESIES) and to bring a teddy. If you would like to donate to Children in Need, there will be a Pudsey box at the entrance. We will be having lots of Pudsey activities and

a teddy bears picnic.



Week Beginning 20th November - Parent Reviews - Mrs Wilson will be conducting parent review meetings by telephone., for those who have returned their appointment slips.

Dress for the Weather - As the weather is changing can we please ask children are dressed appropriately (ie coats, scarves, gloves and hats) as the children access outside in all weathers. Please make sure children's names are in all coats, hats, scarves and gloves.



Inclement Weather - in the event of inclement weather please check the school's website www.seahamharbour.durham.sch.uk, and the school facebook page [Seaham Harbour Nursery School](#) as well as local radio stations for guidance on school closures.



Website

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



Facebook

We have a facebook account, where we post notifications/information and messages. Please can you follow this account and share it with others. Please note, we will not post pictures of the children on this account.

Early Drop Off

This is available every morning from 8.00, at a charge of £2.00 per day. Children can come for odd days or on a regular basis, as long as they are booked in and paid for in advance. For further information, please contact Mrs Marshall in the school office.



Christmas begins - Week beginning 27th November when our Christmas tree will have 'magically' appeared overnight.



Week beginning 4th December - Christmas Bags - children will be making lots of Christmas crafts over the next 2 weeks and will be bringing them home in a lovely bag they have decorated.



Thursday 7th December - Christmas Jumper Day - children can come to Early Learners wearing a Christmas jumper, t-shirt or anything bright. We will donate a £1.00 for each child to 'Save the Children' from the School Fund. (If anyone wishes to make an additional donation to the charity it can be posted in the collection bucket).

Friday 8th December - Theatre Visit - the children will be visiting Blackhall Community Centre to watch a theatre group perform 'Christmas is Cancelled'. There will be **NO** charge for this visit. A consent form will be



issued for you to complete and return. If children who do not normally attend on a Friday, wish to go please email Mrs Marshall in the office to arrange swapping one of your child's other sessions before 24th November. Further details will follow.



Friday 15th December - Snowman Day

We are having a special 'Snowman Day' with hot chocolate, marshmallows and pyjamas. Children can come to nursery in pyjamas and dressing gowns (but please NO SLIPPERS and NO ONESIES), they will still need their outdoor coats and shoes. The children will have a fun filled day with lots of 'Snowman' themed activities.



Tuesday 19th December - Christmas Parties

Children will have their Christmas party at Early Learners during their session time. Again, for the children who do not normally attend on a Tuesday, please email Mrs Marshall in the office before December 8th to arrange to swap one of your other sessions.

At both parties we will have lots of food, party games, dancing and presents from a special visitor! Children can wear party clothes.



Christmas Tags - instead of sending Christmas cards this year we are encouraging children to decorate a 'Christmas tag' to hang on our 'Special Message Tree'. (Children will be given tags soon)

Wanted - we are looking for toilet/kitchen rolls, yogurt pots, tinsel and baubles for the children to use in their activities. If anyone has any, please send them into nursery.

Foodbank Collections

In the past we have collected for the foodbanks at St Hild & St Helen Church and Dawdon Community Centre and have always given a tremendous amount of goods to these worthwhile and needy groups in our area. We are running this collection again, over the next few weeks and would appreciate any donations of dry, perishable goods including toiletries. The donations can be left in the collection boxes outside the front door. We thank you in anticipation of your continued support.



Early Learners closes Tuesday 19th December and reopens on Thursday 4th January 2024

Thank you

Mrs Scott

