



Seaham Harbour Nursery School

## Early Learners Newsletter -September 2022

Dear Parents,

Hello and welcome everyone, what a fantastic start to the new school year. All of the children are settling in to Early Learners 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 so calmly. Well done to our returning children too, they have certainly come back so well and are enjoying making new friends.

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. 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.

The Early Learner children are one big class, where all staff work with all children under the direction of myself, Mrs Wilson (our Deputy Headteacher) and Mrs Henry.

For organisation purposes the children are grouped into key worker groups with Miss Taylor, Miss Huntington, Mrs Waller and Mrs Richardson. Ms 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 Early Learners as well as discovering lots of new learning experiences. We will soon upload some photographs to the school website and Class Dojo so you can see some of the lovely things the children have been doing.

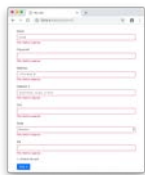
### School Fund

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)

### Paying children - payment instruction



Thank you to all who have so promptly set up their payment instruction agreement. If you have not done this yet, please can you do this before the end of the month. Please can you ensure your instruction has an end date as instructed in your agreement as **we cannot refund overpayments made.**

### Names

Please can we remind you to write/label your child's bag, coat, cardigan, jumpers, 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 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](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.



### Website

Please keep checking this out for information, dates of events & photographs [www.seahamharbour.durham.sch.uk](http://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, or ask staff who will gladly sort some out for you.

### 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.

### Admission Packs/Forms

Thank you to all who have completed their admission forms, please can we ask for those who have not done so to please return them as soon as possible. It is important we have all the forms back, for your child's record files.



### Early Drop Off

This is available from 8.00-8.45, £2.00 per day. Please contact Mrs Marshall in the office for further information.

### Smiley face

Attached to this newsletter is a 'Smiley face' for you to complete with your child telling us what your child has enjoyed doing at Early Learners. If you could write on the smiley face (and maybe your child could decorate it or make a mark on it) and return it to nursery we will display them in our entrance porch for all to see.

Future Dates for your diary....more details to follow

Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> October & 12<sup>th</sup> October - Parent Workshop on OPAL Learning Journals 4.30-5.30

Week beginning 10<sup>th</sup> October - Bulb Planting Week

Monday 17<sup>th</sup> October - Sponsored Obstacle Course

Friday 21<sup>st</sup> October - School closes for Half Term holiday

Monday 31<sup>st</sup> October - School opens

Week beginning 31<sup>st</sup> October - Governor Week



School closes on Friday 21st October 2022 for half term and re-opens Monday 31<sup>st</sup> October.

Thank you  
Mrs Scott

