



Seaham Harbour Nursery School

Nursery 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 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. 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 nursery 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; White group - Mrs Stewart, Green group - Miss Moore/Miss Tobin (after half term) and Blue group - Mrs Hall. All groups have a mixture of 15 hour & 30 hour children in. Mrs Read & 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 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)

30
hour

30 hour children - reconfirmation code

Please can we ask you to reconfirm your eligibility code for 30 hours and email Mrs Marshall with the details of your new re-confirmation date. If you do not do this in the allotted time (before December 31st), your child will not be able to attend for full days.

30 hour 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 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 will be tagging 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 (with name inside) to nursery and leave them here for rainy and snowy days. If they do, we will put them on our 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 2023** 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.



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, 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 to nursery 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.

Car Park

Please can we remind you to use the side path and not to walk across the carpark when bringing and collecting children.

Tree Tags

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

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

Wednesday 5th October & 12th October - Parent Workshop on OPAL Learning Journals 4.30-5.30

Week beginning 10th October - Bulb Planting Week

Monday 17th October - Sponsored Obstacle Course

Friday 21st October - School closes for Half Term holiday

Monday 31st October - School opens

Week beginning 31st October - Governor Week



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

Thank you
Mrs Scott

