Seaham Harbour Nursery School



Newsletter - November 2015

Dear Parents



We hope you have enjoyed the half term holiday and we would love to hear what the children have been up to.

Attached to this letter is a "Story from Home" sheet for you to complete and return to your child's keyworker so it can be added to your child's special file.

Our topic theme this half term is "Celebrations".



Sponsor Money- Thank you all who have handed in their sponsor money, if you have not done so yet please can you bring it in a.s.a.p (So we can send it off to Santa!!)

<u>Keyworker Groups</u>- Please can we remind you that children need to be in nursery at 8:45 and 12:30 for their key worker groups. These groups are valuable learning times for your children & activities can not be repeated if they are missed.



<u>Staff Absence-</u> Unfortunately Mrs Ward is absent from nursery at the moment. Mrs Wilson and Mrs Fallow will be covering the blue keyworker group until she returns.



<u>Car Park/Entrance to School - Please can we remind</u> parents/carers that the car park & front entrance to the school is <u>NOT</u> a play area for children to use. This is becoming a nuisance & a problem (especially at the end of an afternoon session) with older brother and sisters when waiting to collect from nursery. We kindly request children either wait outside the side entrance gates or stand sensibly with parents/carers in the entrance porch. We will continue to monitor the situation & if necessary speak to parents individually. We thank you in anticipation of your co-operation in this matter.

Over the next half term we have a lot of events planned.



Friday November 13th Pyjamas for Pudsey/Teddy Bears Picnic- We will be celebrating Children in Need and ask all children to come to nursery in their Pyjamas/dressing gowns, (please no onesies or slippers as children will be going outside), bring a teddy & a £1 donation for the charity.

We will be having lots of Pudsey activities, a teddy bears picnic & hopefully a special visitor!



Monday 23rd - Wednesday 25th November Parent Reviews.

Appointments need to be made for these meetings by Friday 13th.

<u>Friday 27th November- Christmas Tree Collection</u>

We hope to collect our Christmas tree from a 'Secret Location'. If anyone can help us with a truck/van please see Mrs Scott a.s.a.p.



<u>Tuesday 1st December- Pantomime- Durham Gala Theatre</u> <u>"Cinderella"-</u> (8.30-1.00) for morning children. £10 per child. Payable by 24th November. <u>NO AFTERNOON NURSERY.</u> More details later <u>Uniforms must be worn</u>.

Wednesday 2nd December- Pantomime- Durham Gala Theatre "Cinderella"- (8.30-1.00) for afternoon children. £10 per child. Payable by 24th November. <u>NO MORNING NURSERY.</u> More details later <u>Uniforms must be worn</u>.



Thursday 3rd December- Jim Prior Videoing

Jim will be in nursery both morning & afternoon videoing the children for the Christmas DVD. DVDs can be ordered from this day £10 each. Orders can only be placed when paid for. Orders must be placed by 11^{th} December.

Thursday 10th December- Dress Rehearsals

Children will perform their concerts for pupils from Ropery Walk Primary School. Jim Prior will also video the concert for the Christmas DVD.

Friday 11th December- Concerts

Children will perform their concerts for parents, grandparents & families. The concerts start once the children are all dressed. All children need to be collected by $\underline{10.45}$ (unless staying for lunch) & 2.15.

Lunchclub and Childcare still available. <u>No uniforms please easy clothes!</u>

Tuesday 15th December Christmas Craft Day

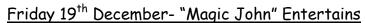
Please come along & join the children with Christmas activities. Further details later.



Thursday 17th December- Christmas Parties

8.45-11.15 & 12.30- 3.00

Lunchclub and Childcare still available. <u>No uniforms- "Party Clothes"</u>



All children need to come to nursery 8.45-11.15 for Magic John to entertain them. This will be followed by a giant picnic.

All children need to be collected between <u>11.00 & 11.15</u>. Lunchclub & Childcare are still available.

Nursery Closes at 11.15 and re-opens Tuesday 5th January 2016



<u>Christmas Cards-</u> To make it easier for yourselves and staff and more meaningful to the children, please send only 1 Christmas card (after 1st Dec and this will be displayed in nursery). <u>Please do not</u> send in cards for all children.

<u>Beanies & Stockings-</u> (£1 each) - We have a selection of Christmas Beanies & stockings for sale on behalf of St Benedict's Hospice. If you would like to purchase any please see Mrs Marshall in the office.



<u>Wanted- baubles, beads, tinsel, poinsettia flowers etc.</u>- If you have any spare please send them in for children to use in their creative activities.



<u>Coats</u>, <u>Hats</u>, <u>Scarves</u>, <u>Gloves</u>, <u>Shoes & Wellies</u>- Please please make sure your child's name is on all these things so it is easier for us to match the items to your child, when they take them off.





Remember we have additional sessions for your children, as well as lunch club and breakfast. These are wonderful opportunities for your children to develop their friendship groups, social, skills and try new foods. See Mrs Marshall in office for more information.

Webpage- <u>www.seahamharbour.durham.sch.uk-</u> Don't forget to keep looking at our web page for information, notices and photographs. We are currently updating the style & content keep checking it over to see how it's changing.

Thank you
The Nursery Staff