



Newsletter - November 2019

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", covering a range of learning opportunities.



Over the next half term we have lots of events planned.

<u>Bringers and Collectors-</u> Please can we ask they have the correct password we have had a few incidences when the password has been forgotten or incorrect. This causes a delay in the hand over process which can be distressing for your child.



<u>Session Times-</u> Please can we remind you of the session times 9:00-12:00 & 12:45-3:45 and we ask you not to arrive too early for drop off and collection.

<u>Health & Safety Reminders-</u> Please can we remind parents/carers not to allow their children to run up/down the ramp & climb on the wall. Although this may be very tempting & exciting it is not always safe for the children to do.



<u>Sponsored Mini Obstacle Course Week beginning 11th November</u>- Throughout the sessions we are holding indoor mini obstacle courses for your children to participate in. The money raised from this event will help pay for Christmas parties & presents for your children. Please can you return the sponsor form with money in a sealed envelope as soon as possible after the obstacle course. As the obstacle courses are taking place all week it is not necessary for parents to stay. (We will take lots of photographs for you to view).



Friday November 15^{th} Pyjamas for Pudsey/Teddy Bears Picnic- We will be celebrating Children in Need and ask all children to come to Early Learners 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 and a teddy bears picnic.



Monday 18th November Parent Review Meetings 3:50-5:20- Come along to view your child's learning journal & speak to staff. Please sign up on keyworker lists in the porch.

<u>Thursday 5th December-</u> "One More Sleep" a magical show for under 5's at Durham Gala Theatre (9-12) for all children who attend on a Thursday (am & pm) £10 per child, payable by Friday 22nd November. We have a limited number of tickets available for children who wouldn't normally attend on a Thursday. These tickets will be allocated on a first come first served basis please see Vicki.



<u>Friday 13th December Christmas Jumper Day</u>- We will be supporting the NSPCC appeal. Children can come to nursery in a Christmas Jumper and bring a £1 donation for the charity.

<u>Wednesday 18th December Christmas Craft-</u> Please come along & join the children with Christmas activities, have a Christmas snack & story. Further details later.



<u>Christmas Parties -Friday 21st December 2018.</u>

Christmas parties party clothes can be worn. Further details later.

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

<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 December and this will be displayed for children to see). <u>Please do not send in cards for all children.</u>



<u>Mobile Phones-</u> Please can we remind you for safeguarding reasons not to use mobile phones (texting, talking or taking photographs) whilst you are on the nursery premises.

 $\underline{\textit{Coats}}$, $\underline{\textit{Jumpers}}$, $\underline{\textit{Hats}}$, $\underline{\textit{Scarves}}$, $\underline{\textit{Gloves \& Shoes}}$ - Please make sure your child's name is on all these things so it is easier for staff to match the items to your child, when they take them off.



<u>Dress for weather</u> -As the weather is changing can we please ask children are dressed appropriately (i.e. coats and hats) as the children access outside in all weathers.

<u>Christmas Holidays</u>- Early Learners will finish on Friday 20^{th} December. The afternoon session will finish at 3:00 and will re-open on Tuesday 7^{th} January.

Thank you

Mrs Scott