

Early Learners Newsletter - December 2020

Dear Parents

We are so excited to celebrate Christmas this year at nursery. It has been a really difficult year for everyone but we are not going to let it stop our Christmas celebrations.

We have planned lots of exciting things for all the children. So make sure to keep washing hands & keep your distance from one another, so we all can continue to come to nursery & enjoy the festive time. Please find attached some NHS advice about tier 3.



<u>Christmas Folders-</u> All the children will be making lots of Christmas crafts at nursery & will be bringing their wonderful creations home in a special Christmas folder they have decorated.

<u>Friday December 11th- Christmas Jumper Day-</u> Children can come to Early Learners wearing a Christmas Jumper, t-shirt or anything bright. We will donate a £1 for each child to Save the Children from the school fund. (If anyone wishes to make a small donation to this charity they can in the collection bucket).



<u>Tuesday 15th December- Christmas Story Day-</u> We are having a Christmas Story Day with Hot chocolate, marshmallows & pyjamas. If the children would like to wear their pyjamas & dressing gowns (again) they can do & join in the fun. Please can we remind to not dress your child in onesies or slippers & they will still need their outdoor coats and shoes.



<u>Christmas Parties- Thursday 17th December for all children</u> - (lots of food, party games, dancing and presents)

The morning party will be 9.00-11.30 - All children will need to be collected in between 11.15-11.30. The afternoon party will be 12.45-3.15 - All children will need to be collected in between 3.00-3.15. Children can wear party clothes if they wish.



<u>Christmas Gifts for staff</u> Traditionally at Christmas time the staff often receive many thoughtful gifts from children & families. These always bring us joy & we know families like to give them. However, in the current climate & pandemic may I take this opportunity to ask for support in keeping everyone safe by not sharing in this present giving ritual. All we want for Christmas is for everyone to be safe, be happy, be fit and well & have the opportunity to share the special time with their families.



Thank you Thank you Thank you

Thank you to all who gave so generously to our food bank appeal. We collected 30 carrier bags worth of produce and handed them over to Dawdon Community Centre & St Hilds & St Helens Church in Dawdon. We certainly filled the shopping trolley. We will continue having our boxes outside if anyone wishes to keep adding to them.

Thank you also for donating to Children in Need, the children had a wonderful day doing lots of 'Pudsey activities' we raised £110 for the charity.

Thank you also to all who have knitted mittens for the children. The children love wearing them and they certainly keep their hands warm.

Hello and welcome

We welcome Miss Ellie Stoker, as our apprentice and Miss Lucy Crane as a teaching assistant to our school. Both are looking forward to working with the children.

Early Learners closes at the end of Friday 18th December 2020 and reopens Tuesday 5th January 2021.

On behalf of the staff & governors at Seaham Harbour Nursery School may I wish you all a very SAFE & Happy Christmas & New Year.

Thank you & Best Wishes

Carole Scott

