



Newington Primary School

NURSERY NEWSLETTER

November 2019

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to Term 2 of nursery. We have a few new starts who are settling in really well.

It is a busy term for children as we prepare and practice for our Christmas show. There are lots of additional activities going on for them and we are looking forward to having another super term.

We will continue with termly newsletters and regular messages to you via the school app, so please sign up for the alerts so not to miss anything important or relevant.

Please keep an eye out on the Noticeboard within nursery outdoor area for updates as well.

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Absences

If your child is going to be absent or late for any reason please remember to contact the nursery. Our telephone number is 01461 625022. This is important so we can ensure all children are accounted for and we comply with the Missing from Education Policy.

URGENTLY WANTED – We urgently need to build supplies of socks, pants, leggings and tracksuit bottoms for the children in case of multiple toileting accidents or getting wet during play. Donations of these items aged 3-5 years old would be very much appreciated.

Dates for the Diary

15th November Children in Need – All children, all day - Pyjama and bring your teddy to nursery day. Suggested donation £1

9th December – ‘Mary Had a Baby’ Christmas concert 2.15pm – 3pm.

11th December Christmas School Dinner for all children. If your child does not want this, please ensure a packed lunch is sent on that day

13th December Christmas Party 1.30-3pm for all children. Santa arriving at 2.30pm

16th December Stay and Play drop in session – All families 1.30-3.30pm

20th December – Cinema Trip for all children 1pm-2.30pm to see Frozen 2

Outdoor Play/Wet and cold Weather

Now the cold weather is here children will continue to playing outside when they chose and should be dressed appropriately. We will continue to complete a daily mile walk for health and wellbeing of each day at either 11.30am or 2.30pm alternate weeks and be going for community walks during November. Days and times for each group will be posted via the app. Parent helpers will be sought for these from the list gathered at the start of term.

Children should come to nursery with a bag containing a spare:

- trousers/skirt
- long sleeved top
- socks
- pants
- indoor shoes or wellies

MASCOTS

The children in each group have named their group Mascot. This is given to a child at the end of each week who has been particularly helpful, kind, friendly or trying hard; to take home for the weekend. The teddy and completed book should be looked after and returned to nursery on the Monday morning. Thank you for your support with this.

What is my child learning about at nursery?

We are now sharing our 2-3 weekly planning with parents via the app and on the noticeboard. Please take time to read this so you can further support your child with their learning. If you have any questions about it please speak to your child's group leader or the nursery manager.

Our BIG Question

Each month nursery will ask parents for feedback on a topic we are reviewing or wanting parental input on. Last month we asked at the Stay and Play session and for a week at 3pm we had a table outside with the BIG question on it about how we communicate with you and what works best. The results were that

18 parents used the school app

11 get information from newsletters and would like paper copies available

5 use the noticeboard as well as other

0 use website

NOVEMBER BIG Question:

Background: Our decision last term was to take a common sense approach and whilst encouraging all children to play outside in all weathers, make sure those children had changes of clothes and shoes to ensure they spent the rest of their indoor time in dry clothes if they got very wet. If the Primary school were having a indoor break/lunchtime, we remained inside too. This has been largely successful but we are still finding that many children do not want to remain indoors when it is raining, even heavily and given Scottish government direction to allow free flow play outside at all times we are putting it to **all parents** for their views.

If the school are having a 'wet playtime' and school pupils are remaining in doors, do you want your child to be able to play outside and be changed into dry clothes afterwards?

The answer options will be a YES or NO box where your child's name is placed.

There will be a BIG question display in the nursery from 11th November to capture your views and comments.