



Newington Primary School

NURSERY NEWSLETTER

September 2020

Absences

If your child is going to be absent or late for any reason please remember to contact the nursery directly, not the school office before 9am. **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 – The children enjoy playing with everyday items from the world around them. If anyone has any old keys, tarpaulins, working table lamps, planks of wood, plastic crates, tools, kettle, microwave, metal pots and pans, electric cable reels and old phones (mobile or house) we would very much appreciate donations of these items.



Advice Line



Would you like to talk to a Speech and Language Therapist about your child's speech, language or communication?

email us on:

dumf-uhb.talk-adviceline@nhs.net

Our telephone advice line is open every Wednesday from 2-4pm

Call us on:

01387 220013

Dates for the Diary

Week commencing 28th September - Words Together and TLQ assessments

Week commencing 5th October - Settling in Progress reports to parents

October Holidays Monday 12th October – Friday 23rd October 2020
Children return Monday 26th October

Dear Parents,

I would like to welcome you all back to nursery again. The returning children and new starts have all settled in really well. We are very proud of how they have coped with the changes and new routines to follow.

It is a busy term for children and staff as we get to know the children and begin to work on their learning and next steps agreed when completing the Care Plan with yourselves.

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.

You can also find Nursery information on the school website at www.newingtonprimary.uk.uk under 'Classes' - 'Nursery'.

If you wish to discuss anything with nursery about your child please contact us directly on the number below or email the nursery manager

The Nursery Staff

01461 625022

Susan Gallagher (Nursery Manager)

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PEEP

We are unable to offer our normal weekly PEEP session for parents, children and younger siblings so Ms McKeown will send out via the app a weekly activity for you to do with your child(ren) at home to promote family learning. This will start today - Friday 11th September. She will also send out a monthly survey to gather feedback on how these went and what types of activities you wish to do. Children learn best when supported by an interested adult who takes the time to ask them questions and promote their curiosity and problem solving and have fun with them too.

If you have any questions about PEEP please contact the nursery on 01461 625022 and speak to Ms McKeown.

Personal Learning Profiles (PLPs)

We are currently changing over from paper PLPs to online ones using the 2 Build A Profile programme. This will enable staff to complete observations on children's learning and share them immediately to parents, as well as linking the learning to Curriculum for Excellence Early Level. We will share further information about this once it is ready.

What is my child learning about at nursery?

Learning through play is spontaneous and staff are trained in and practice what is known as planning in the moment; observing, assessing and then scaffolding learning and using HOTS (Higher Order Thinking Skills) questions with children to extend ideas, thinking and learning. More information will be sent to you on this later in the month.

Learning is also a partnership between home and nursery so please have conversations with your child about what they have been learning each day. If your child comes home with an 'Ask me About' sticker, please ask them about it.

Settling in progress reports will be issued before October holidays.

Our BIG Question / Parent Survey:

Each term in nursery we will normally ask parents for feedback on a topic we are reviewing or wanting parental input on. Due to the current restrictions and our focus on health and wellbeing, communication and infection control we put a Parent Survey on the app to be completed. Thank you to everyone who has completed it and we will feedback the responses and actions later this month.

Community Walks:

The children are enjoying community walks out and about as part of their learning around road safety and staying together as a group. They are also able to learn about the world around them, looking for numbers and letters as well as talking about what they see and listening to each other. This also supports our active approach to health and wellbeing as the children are getting the health benefits of an extended walk. If you see us out and about with our fluorescent vests on, please say hello!

Words together / TLQ (Talking, Listening and Questions):

Words Together and TLQ are programmes which provide targeted activities for children who need some additional support to develop communication skills. Ms McKeown will be in touch directly with the parents of children to gain consent and will start to deliver these after the October break.

Outdoor Area:

Last year Newington was successful in being awarded funds from Tesco Bags appeal for an outdoor classroom/shelter to be built in the outdoor area. This is being designed and built by local joiner Kev Copland and will hopefully be completed during the October holidays.

The local authority is also extending our garden to give the nursery a grassed area for play. This work should commence soon and will not impact the children playing outside.

Outdoor Clothing:

Please ensure your child has appropriate clothing for all weathers when they come to nursery. All children will have access to outside in wet weather unless stipulated on their care plan.