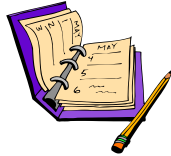


### **Absences**

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.

### **Dates for the Diary**



Monday 16<sup>th</sup> September Child Smile begins

Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> CAPER starts for all children.

Week beginning 30<sup>th</sup> September HMIE and Care Inspectorate in Nursery all week

Monday 7<sup>th</sup> October Stay and Play session 4-6pm for all families. Further information will be sent out.

Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> Oct Halloween Party 1-3pm for all children. Further information will be sent with details.



## ***Newington Primary School***

### **NURSERY NEWSLETTER**

September 2019

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to our nursery children who were with us last year and a very warm and happy welcome to those children and families joining us for their first year of nursery.

It is a busy term for staff as we get to know the new children and establish the routines of nursery for everyone.

We have a new Nursery Manager Mrs Susan Gallagher who some of you may have met at the Stay and Play session in June, and who has been outside welcoming parents and children in at the start and end of the day.

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.

We are getting a 2<sup>nd</sup> noticeboard for the outside area to also keep parents / carers up to date with information, so please check these when you drop off or pick up your child.

The Nursery Staff

01461 625022

Susan Gallagher (Nursery Manager)

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### **Outdoor Play/Wet Weather**

As part of every child's provision and learning at nursery they have free access to our outside play area and the guidance on this is 'in all weathers'. We are aware that this has caused some upset for parents when their child has gone home with very wet clothes on. We appreciate and always welcome feedback so thank you to those parents who took the time to complete 'You said... We Did' form.

Whilst we do ask a change of clothes, waterproof jacket and wellies are sent for children in their bags for such occasions but we appreciate that a 'common sense' approach should be taken and we will respond accordingly to the weather changes and ensure whilst children are encouraged to be outside and active in wet weather, they are not remaining outside to the point they get soaked through. If the school has a 'wet indoors playtime' we will follow that and keep children indoors until the weather improves.

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.

### **Child Smile**

This will start on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> September where all children will be encouraged to brush their teeth with their own allocated brush.

### **PEEP**

These sessions start on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> September for parents / carers who signed up. For anyone who did not sign up for PEEP there will be another opportunity after Christmas. Miss McKeown will be available at the Stay and Play session on 7<sup>th</sup> October to discuss this further.

### **Resources**

The nursery is very busy and the children are enjoying being creative and learning, whilst sharing resources and making friends. We constantly run out of boxes and materials for junk modelling and crafts. We are also developing the nursery to be a more homely environment and therefore would very much appreciate any donations of the following items that are still in good condition:

Small/medium sized boxes and tubes

House plants

Wooden objects

A standing and/or table lamp

Wicker baskets

Cushions with washable covers

Dolls Prams/ Buggies

Old CDs

Thank you in advance.

### **Transition**

Some children are joining us this term for the first time from other nurseries or for their first ever nursery experience. This can be an unsettling time for children and parents as they get to know their key worker and the routines of the nursery day. If you have any concerns or wish to speak to your child's key worker and/or the nursery manager please do so.

### **Nursery Sessions**

Children have a variety of sessions/ hours allocated daily and we are open 8.30am-3.30pm depending on what each child has been allocated. Nursery doors will open at 9am and 3pm for the majority of children. If you need to collect your child earlier for an appointment please let nursery staff know when they are dropped off.