



# Apple Class Nursery News



**Autumn term 2 2019**

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Welcome to the Autumn 2 Nursery Newsletter. What a busy half term we had last term—and it is only going to get busier as we run up to Christmas! We have all been delighted with how well all the children have settled in to nursery, where they all just come in and get on with their learning with smiley faces every day. We have had some amazing adventures and fabulous learning opportunities so far.

**Please remember to look at the parent notice board regularly to check for any updates and important information.**

## **REMINDERS:**

- We are a NUT FREE school and a reminder to children having packed lunches that there should be no traces of nuts. E.g. peanut butter

- School is a mobile phone and camera free zone! Under no circumstances should they be used on school site, especially at Stay and Play.

- Please note that Nursery do NOT take part in whole school performances/assemblies. As usual we will NOT be in the nativity, however, we will have our own Christmas celebrations in class.

## **Important-Applications for School Places**

The window for applying for Reception places are now open.

It can be accessed via <http://www.northumberland.gov.uk/Education/Schools/Admissions.aspx>.

The portal **closes on 15 January 20**. Even though you have a place at our nursery it does not guarantee a place within the main school - you **must** apply for a place. If you do not apply for a place there may not be any spaces available for you.

**Clothing:** As we are approaching Winter and much colder weather, can I please remind everyone to bring in a warm hat and gloves (preferably mittens) every day. The weather can change at any time and we will continue to go outside in all weather.

## Shared Learning

For our Autumn 2 shared learning task, we would like to know how you celebrate Christmas. Do you spend it with family? Go on holiday? What do you like to eat on Christmas day? You could create a photograph collage or draw your own picture. Be as creative as you like! As usual, we love proudly displaying the children's work and will display your creations towards the Christmas period.

**Learning Journals:** It is great to see that most of you are actively using your learning journals and are regularly adding photographs from home. A HUGE thank you! However, we are aware that some people aren't. If you need further guidance on how to use the parent app or you would like some guidance on what we would like to see, please don't hesitate to ask.

**A reminder:** When you are accessing your child's journal please DO NOT use the link via the email you were sent. Make sure to download the "EYFS parent app" from the app store and log in there. If you need further clarification, please ask us for support.

**Christmas treat:** As a Christmas treat, on the **11th December**, we are welcoming Avril Huntly into Nursery (for morning Apples and afternoon Apples). She will be running a Christmas themed singing/musical workshop called 'sing with me'. She runs her workshops in the local community and is fabulous! We can't wait!

**Curriculum:** There is significant evidence to suggest that young children learn best through play. We provide a varied range of resources and encourage the children to use them in ways that are meaningful to them. As staff, we ensure that we teach, model and support the children as they work on their next step across the curriculum. Please do not worry if your child does not bring vast quantities of artwork or junk modelling home—it just means that they are busy learning different things! That said, if you have any concerns about your child's learning or development please ask myself, Miss Freeman for an appointment to have a chat.

#### **Autumn 2 General Aims**

- Developing fine motor skills
- Counting and number recognition
- Respecting others and our resources
- Using scissors safely
- Listening to others
- Putting things away after we have finished using them
- Answering 'why' and 'how' questions

**Recycled Materials:** Thank you for all the junk materials. We are after any of the following:

- Squeezy Ketchup bottles
- Wrapping paper
- Yoghurt pots
- Christmas decorations
- Ribbons

#### **Diary Dates**

Stay and Play- 18<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup> Nov  
Children in Need 15<sup>th</sup> Nov  
Avril Huntly– Sing with Me session 11<sup>th</sup> Dec  
Christmas Parties and Lunch 18<sup>th</sup> Dec  
Christmas Jumper day 20<sup>th</sup> Dec  
School breaks up 20<sup>th</sup> Dec  
First Day of Spring Term Jan 2020

#### **Don't forget- Apple class blog**

Every week I will be writing a blog on the school website which will talk about all of the exciting things we have learnt during the week. This will be accompanied by photographs. To access the blog, go onto 'Swansfield Park Primary school' website. Next, select 'class pages' and then select 'apple class'.

**Here you can also find all of our curriculum information, newsletters and significant and memorable experiences.**

**PLEASE REMEMBER TO NAME ALL UNIFORM (INCLUDING SHOES), WATER BOTTLES, HATS ETC**

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate in speaking to one of the staff.

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