



Nursery News

Spring Term 1

Welcome to the Spring 1 Nursery Newsletter. I would like to take this opportunity to welcome all the new starters in Nursery. I hope that everyone had a great Christmas break.

Classroom Organisation

With increased numbers in the morning and afternoon please let me know if you would like to increase your child's sessions before places are booked up. If you have the 30 hours funding and want to increase your child's sessions please let me know before Monday 15th January.

Recycled Materials

Thank you for all the junk materials that you have given us over the last term. Unfortunately I don't have huge amounts of storage space, so I will put a note on the board when we need more.

Outside Environment

Our curriculum is such that we go outside in all weathers and we have the appropriate suits for the children to wear.

Could you please ensure that your child has a hat, scarf and preferably a pair of mittens rather than gloves. It is incredibly helpful to us if **all clothing (particularly jumpers/cardigans) and shoes (particularly shoes) are named!**

Applications for School Places

If your child is due to start in Reception Class in September 2018 please ensure that you have applied for a place at Swansfield Park Primary School. Unfortunately, being in the nursery does not guarantee you a place. You can apply through the Northumberland County Council website. If you need any help with your application please speak to a member of staff. It can be accessed via <http://www.northumberland.gov.uk/Education/Schools/Admissions.aspx>.

Applications MUST be submitted by January 15th 2018!

School Uniform

Nursery children are required to wear full school uniform. In particular, if wearing tights, they should be grey, as should trousers and skirts. All children should wear shoes (not boots), and they should be black. Ideally shoes should have Velcro fastening so that the children can fasten them themselves.

If you have any queries, the uniform policy is on the website, or I can give you a copy.

Please can I remind you to **bring in a full spare change of clothes** (including underwear, socks and shoes if possible). Even if your child is toilet trained, accidents still happen or your child may get very messy whilst having lots of fun.

Stay and Play

As with previous sessions, we will be inviting you in to spend some time playing with your children.

Dates/times are:

Mon 29th Jan: 10.15 and 13.45

Wed 31st Jan: 10.15 and 13.45

Fri 2nd Feb: 10.15 and 13.45

Spring 1 General Aims—N2

- ◇ Developing concentration and perseverance
- ◇ Developing fine motor skills
- ◇ Using scissors safely
- ◇ Listening to others and taking turns
- ◇ Rhyme and alliteration
- ◇ Putting things away after we have finished using them!
- ◇ Answering 'why' and 'how' questions

Diary Dates

- ◇ 29th/31st Jan /2nd Feb Stay and Play
- ◇ 9th Feb School Closes for half term
- ◇ Tuesday 20th Feb school reopens
- ◇ 23rd March Sports relief
- ◇ Wed 28th March Easter Bingo
- ◇ Thursday 29th March-Spring assembly/
School closes for Easter holidays

Spring 1 General Aims—N1

- ◇ Turn-taking and sharing
- ◇ Developing fine motor skills
- ◇ Playing with others
- ◇ Listening to, and answering, questions
- ◇ Putting things away after we have finished using them!
- ◇ Talking in full sentences

Shared Learning 3

We would like to have a big focus on **numbers (counting, number recognition)** and **shape** this term and so we have decided to make some emphasis on this by creating a small display in the numeracy area.

Please bring in or send a picture of your child with a number that is important to them (for example their house number, or car number plate) or a picture of shapes in the environment (for example a door — emphasis on the rectangle shape, car tyres —circle etc.

Start Time / Safeguarding Children

I would like to remind all parents that the doors are open in the morning from 8.35am to 8.45 am. Please try and be in and out by 8.45am so that we can shut the outside gate. This allows children going to the toilet or hanging jumpers on their pegs to do so in a safe and secure environment. If you arrive after 8.45am please do so via the school reception.

If you have older children in school, after you drop off your child in Nursery, rather than walking through school, please walk around the building and enter their classroom entrance.

In the afternoon the doors open at 12.00pm for children coming in for lunch and 12.30 pm for the start of the afternoon session. Please ensure you arrive promptly. Once again, the safety of the children is paramount and I am keen to minimise the number of times the door has to be opened. Additionally, Mary is on a tight schedule and cannot wait for stragglers for lunch.

Focus Child Weeks

Following the introduction of the Focus Child Weeks last term, Kerry and I will be doing another round this term. Look out for the information form for you to fill in prior to your child's week starting. We will be feeding back to you the week after the focus week, please let me know on your information form which the best time would be for your feedback session and if you want to let us know anything.

FOR NEW STARTERS: The focus week is where Kerry and I will closely follow your child's progress over one week and we will have a chat the following week about their progress.

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

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