



# Apple Class Nursery News



**Autumn term 2 2020**

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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 read Apple class blog (on the school website every Friday) to find out about what we are learning each week.**

## **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. Please remember that packed lunches should be in a disposable bag. Thank you.

-Please can you make sure that your child has at least 2 changes of spare clothes (including socks, pants, trousers/skirt, top and jumper/cardigan) in their bag in case of accidents. This doesn't need to be school uniform. We often have to give children school spares and don't get them back.

**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.

## **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.

## **Shared Learning**

For our Autumn 2 shared learning task, we would like to know how you celebrate Christmas. Do you spend it with family? 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 some of you are actively using your learning journals and are adding photographs from home. A HUGE thank you! However, we are aware that some people aren't and we would love to see what learning happens at home. We understand that you don't always have time to do this- do not worry. We don't expect lots of photographs regularly- as a guide, you could add 1 or 2 photographs every month. 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.

**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 outside appointment to have a chat.

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

- Developing fine motor skills
- Touch counting, counting out set amounts and early 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

#### **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.**

**Staffing-** At the moment we have Maja already working in Nursery bubble to help at lunch club. She will also be joining some Nursery sessions on the run up to Christmas.

**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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