



# Apple Class Nursery News



Summer term 1 2021

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Welcome to the Summer 1 Nursery Newsletter. This term is always a fun one with, hopefully, the weather getting warmer and drier as the weeks progress. Our focus for this half term will be mini beasts and the changing of the seasons. We will be spending lots of time outside no matter the weather so please ensure your child has a full spare change of clothes in their bag. We also welcome our 11 new children who have started with us this term. We look forward to showing you all of the exciting things Nursery has to offer.

As well as new children, we welcome Olivia Taylor who will be working in Apple class and supporting the children every afternoon.

## Classroom Organisation

For the benefit of new parents, Nursery staff include myself as the main class teacher. Supported by Kerry Wallace, Claire Wallwork, Lisa Pickard and Olivia Taylor (every afternoon).

## Nut Free School/Packed lunches

Swansfield Park are now officially a nut free school and we would like to remind parents (**particularly those bringing in packed lunches**) that products containing nuts/traces of nuts (e.g. peanut butter/chocolate spread) are not allowed. Please ensure that your child's lunch continues to be in a named disposable bag. Thank you.

## \*Reminder\*

Please can I remind parents to leave any toys, sweets or precious items at home. As well as trying to reduce the amount that's being brought into school, lots of these items are getting broken or lost. Thank you.

## Children Staying in Nursery Next Year

For those children staying in nursery next year, if there are any parents who would like to swap from mornings to afternoons, or vice versa, please let me know by **21<sup>st</sup> May**. This will then allow me to work out how many spaces we have for new starters in September. If you do not tell us that you want to change, we will assume that you want to stay in your current session. Please let me know by emailing me at [annabel.freeman@swansfield.northumberland.sch.uk](mailto:annabel.freeman@swansfield.northumberland.sch.uk) Thank you.

## Shared Learning 4

As we have spent so much more time outside, walking and exercising in our gardens and local area; it would be lovely if we could have some pictures of your children in their favourite outside space—the garden, the park, the beach, or on their favourite walk etc. This will act as a stimulus for discussion and allows the children to share their experiences. These pictures will be used in class discussions (show and tell) then displayed throughout Summer term.

## Clothing and Sunscreen

Please ensure that your child is appropriately dressed each day, and bear in mind that even in the short time your child is in school the weather can change dramatically. We will continue to spend much of the time outside, whatever the weather, so children will need to **bring named school sweatshirts/cardigans in every day**. As the weather starts to get warmer, can we please ask that children **bring a named water bottle and a named sunhat** each day too. If it is sunny can you please ensure that your child has had **sunscreen applied before they come to Nursery**. If your child is staying for the whole day, please bring in a **named bottle of lotion** and we will support them to reapply it at lunchtime. **If your child's feet have grown since you last brought in wellies, they may need a new pair!**

## Learning Journals

I hope you're all still enjoying looking at your child's learning journal! Don't forget to look at your child's learning journal every couple of weeks to see what they have been up to at Nursery. Remember, we don't add everything they do to their journal. We simply take pictures of significant learning moments. Please add your own pictures from home. We would love to see any of the exciting things you have learnt outside of school.

If your child has come from Cherry class you should already have access to your journal, if not please let me know.

***To all of our new starters, to access your child's journal, please download the "EYFS parent" app on your phone/tablet. Once you have downloaded this, look out for an email that allows you to set up a username and password which will enable you to login to the app and view your child's journal. Please let me know if you need any support with this.***

## Blog

Now we are back at school full time, I will be writing my weekly blog again. The first blog will be on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> April (you can find the blog under Apple class page on the school website). For the benefit of new parents, the blog is where I share photos and information about what we have been learning in Nursery, please take a read and most importantly, share this with your child to consolidate what they have been learning about. If you wish for your child's picture to be on the website, please ensure you have completed our photo consent form.

## Summer 1 General Aims — N1 (January/April children)

Turn-taking and sharing  
Asking our friends for help  
Talking in full sentences  
Listening to others  
Changing independently  
Tidying up after ourselves  
Counting up to 10/ touch counting up to 10  
Developing fine motor skills- using scissors  
Learning more about growing outdoors

## Summer 1 General Aims — N2 (September children)

Respecting each other and all our resources  
Developing our independence and self-help skills  
Developing concentration and perseverance  
Listening to others  
Securing phase 1 phonic knowledge  
Counting forwards and backwards to 20  
Beginning to recognise numbers  
Developing fine motor skills  
Learning to write their name and hold pencil correctly (tripod grip)  
Learning more about growing outdoors  
Getting ready for the move to full time school

## Diary Dates

- Fri 28<sup>th</sup> May school finishes for half term
- Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> June school reopens for Summer 2 term
  - Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> July- Roll up day
- Friday 16<sup>th</sup> July school closes for Summer holidays
- Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> September school reopens for Autumn term

**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.

*Annabel Freeman, Kerry, Claire, Lisa, Olivia.*