



Apple Class Nursery News



Autumn term 1 2020

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Welcome to the Autumn 1 Nursery Newsletter and welcome back to those returning to Apple class! We hope that your child has a fabulous time in our class, and hope that we can support you in any way necessary. If you have any questions, concerns or would just like a chat about your child's learning please do not hesitate to come and speak to either myself (class teacher), Kerry or Mrs Pickard (teaching assistants). You can either arrange an outdoor chat or contact me (Miss Freeman) via email. **Please remember to look at the apple class page on the website regularly to check for any updates and important information.**

IMPORTANT: Swansfield Park Primary is a **NUT FREE school**. We have a child in our class that has a severe nut allergy and requires an epi pen. If you bring a packed lunch it **must NOT contain nuts or traces of nuts**. For example, chocolate spread sandwiches.

REMINDERS:

- When dropping off and collecting your child please remember to keep a safe distance from others and queue at the green gate.
- School is a mobile phone and camera free zone! Under no circumstances should they be used on school site.
- Please name your child's cardigan/jumper and importantly their shoes!! We have many children with the same shoes but different sizes and this makes it extremely difficult for staff.
- A reminder to fill your child's water bottle with water- not juice.

Staffing and Organisation

Monday: AM: Miss Freeman, Kerry and Mrs Pickard	PM: Miss Freeman and Kerry
Tuesday: AM: Miss Freeman, Kerry and Mrs Pickard	PM: Miss Freeman and Kerry
Wednesday: AM: Miss Freeman, Kerry and Mrs Pickard	PM: Miss Freeman and Kerry
Thursday: AM: Miss Freeman, Kerry and Mrs Pickard	PM: Kerry and Claire H
Friday: AM: Miss Freeman, Kerry and Mrs Pickard	PM: Miss Freeman and Kerry
Dinner staff: AM: Katy Willoughby, Maja Brodowsha and Amy Lunn, PM: Jenny Carr	

Learning Journals

For those of you that are new to Nursery, as a way of recording your child's development and journey during their time in Early Years, we use online Learning Journals. They include photographs and observations of significant moments during their time with us, which link to the Early Years Curriculum that we follow. We encourage any parent/carer contributions and would love you to add your own photographs of any learning that takes place at home.

For all new starters- Please download the EYFS Parent app from the app store (this is where you will view your child's journal) and look out for an email over the next week so you can set up your own password to login (your username is your email address).

If you have any questions, please feel free to send me an email at Annabel.freeman@swansfield.northumberland.sch.uk

COVID 19

All information including risk assessments and procedures can be found on our website.

To keep us safe in Apple class our focus is hygiene. Hand washing will be a big part of our routine and ensuring that children sneeze or cough into their elbow will be encouraged. Please continue to talk about the importance of this at home and how to keep safe. As always, staff regularly clean the resources and equipment.

As you will be aware, things are being adapted all of the time and as an Early Years team we are doing our utmost to keep you and your child safe. We have now decided that if your child makes any artwork or models etc that they will go home all together on Fridays. This reduces the amount going home everyday.

Shared Learning

Each half term I will be asking you to take part in a shared learning task (homework). For the first one, I'd like you and your child to create an Autumn picture. You might like to use paint, material, or real Autumn finds (leaves, conkers, seeds etc).

We will use your artwork to make a display. Please could you bring your pictures into Nursery before Monday 19th October, Thank you!

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 1 General Aims

- Separating happily at the start of each session
- Getting to know each other
- Getting to grips with the routines
- Developing the confidence to 'have a go'
- Independently accessing the resources
- Develop fine motor skills/use scissors
- Count to 10 with confidence
- Learning to tidy up!
- Washing hands independently
- Dressing independently
- Dressing for the outdoors with minimal support
- Using a knife and fork at lunch time
- Using the toilet independently

Parents meetings

Every six months I will arrange a telephone conversation with you to discuss how your child is progressing in Nursery. Normally we would have a "parents evening" style meeting but unfortunately, this year they cannot go ahead. In the meantime, if you wish to discuss your child's learning please let me know and we can arrange a telephone conversation.

Clothing

It is extremely important to name ALL clothing. In particular, **shoes, wellies and cardigans/jumpers**. These get misplaced easily and without names staff cannot find them easily.

We go outside in all weathers and we have the appropriate suits for the children to wear. However, as the weather gets colder 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 and shoes are named** in order to ensure that they go home with the correct child at the end of the session!

Apple class blog

Every week I will be writing a blog on the school website that 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'. My first blog will be written on Friday 11th September but I will only add photographs of your child if you have given photo consent.

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