



ETHERLEY LANE NURSERY SCHOOL AUTUMN TERM NEWSLETTER 2019

A big **WELCOME** to all the children and families who have joined our nursery this term. We are looking forward to getting to know you all, having fun and learning lots. Well done to all our returning children who have settled back in and helped to welcome our new friends.

FACEBOOK

Don't forget to find us on Facebook to see all the fantastic learning that we have been doing in our nursery.

WELLIES

Can you please bring a pair of wellies into nursery for your child that you can leave on their peg. Please can you write their name inside.

Can you please inform the office if your child is absent from school through either sickness or holidays by telephoning 01388 604835 or emailing etherleylanenursery@durhamlearning.net.

The blue pig is available next to the fruit bowl for voluntary contributions to school fund, we suggest £1.00 per week. This helps to pay for baking ingredients, gardening equipment etc. Can we also ask that each child brings a contribution of fruit to nursery every week for our snack. This can be brought any day from Monday to Friday.

MONDAY 14TH OCTOBER-SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHER

The photographer will be calling into nursery on **Monday 14th October** to take the children's photos. Can we please ask that children are dropped off at the usual time. Anyone wanting younger siblings in the photo should wait at the beginning of the session. If your child does not attend on a Monday, you're welcome to come in at 8.30am just for the photo.

STARTING PRIMARY SCHOOL

For your child to start primary school in September 2020 you need to register by midnight on 15th January 2020. To apply log onto www.durham.gov.uk/schooladmissions or telephone 03000 265896. When you have completed your forms please make sure that you receive confirmation from school admissions that they have received it.

Can we please remind you to bring a bag of spare clothes to nursery each day in case your child needs changing. Can you also make sure that all of your child's belongings have their names clearly written on them especially shoes, wellies, coats and school jumpers.

BUSY BAGS START - Starting 2nd October

Busy Bags is our home lending scheme for our older children. Each Wednesday your child will bring home a learning activity that you can enjoy together. You will also receive a slip which you can use to let us know how the activity went. These should be returned to nursery the following Wednesday. Younger children can borrow a book whenever they like.

Busy Bags will be sent home beginning Wednesday 2nd October.

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

HALF TERM: Monday 28th October 2019 until Friday 1st November 2019, children return on **Monday 4th November 2019.**

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS: Monday 23rd December 2019 until Monday 6th January 2020, children return on **Tuesday 7th January 2020.**

Nursery closed for staff training on Friday 6th December 2019.

Settling In

Don't forget to chat to your child's key person about how they've settled in or any concerns.

FRIDAY 15TH NOVEMBER - CHILDREN IN NEED

This year Children in Need is on Friday 15th November. Children can come to nursery dressed in something spotty, and there will be various spotty activities for them to take part in. Donations can be placed in the blue pig.

THURSDAY 12TH DECEMBER 2019 - Pantomime Trip to the Gala Theatre, Durham

Details to follow

WEDNESDAY 18TH DECEMBER

Christmas family event including a performance. More details will follow after half term.