



ETHERLEY LANE NURSERY SCHOOL AUTUMN TERM NEWSLETTER 2020

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.

KEEPING EVERYONE SAFE

We would like to reassure parents and carers that we are doing all we can to keep everyone as safe as possible, during this challenging time of Covid-19. We have;

- Year groups in separate spaces
- Children washing hands frequently
- Adults socially distancing
- Enhanced cleaning routines
- Lots of outdoor learning

You can play your part too by;

- Following social distancing rules outside
- Only 1 adult to bring each child, keep the flow going and hand your child over, one at a time
- Keeping us informed of any illness

Remember, children are taking their emotional cue from you, and they are free to do all the lovely normal nursery things, so there's no need for them to worry.

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.

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.

CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE TOO

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.

SETTLING IN PHONE CALLS

As parents are currently not coming in to nursery, we thought it would be nice to have a quick chat over the phone, to discuss your child's settling. Staff will phone each family for a 5 minute chat about their child, the week beginning 19th October. Details to follow.

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

HALF TERM: Monday 26th October 2020 until Friday 30th October 2020, children return on **Monday 2nd November 2020.**

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS: Monday 21st December 2020 until Friday 1st January 2021, children return on **Monday 4th January 2021.**

Nursery closed for staff training on Friday 4th December 2020.

INFORMATION SHARING

Don't forget to pass on any information about your child to the staff on the nursery door. We will pass on any important information daily, to let you know how they're settling.

FRIDAY 13TH NOVEMBER - CHILDREN IN NEED

This year Children in Need is on Friday 13th 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, which will be held by staff on the nursery door.

WEDNESDAY 16TH DECEMBER

CHRISTMAS EVENT INCLUDING SINGING

We are hoping to hold our Christmas event outside in our Woodland Area. Families will be invited if possible. More details will follow after half term.