



Apple Class Nursery News



Spring Term 2 2019

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Welcome to the Spring 2 Nursery Newsletter. I hope you are all well rested and are ready for a busy half term with lots to learn before Easter.

Our main topic for this half term is people that help us (Police, fire fighters, doctors, vets etc). If you're in a profession that fits this topic and would like to come into school to talk to the children about your job, please let me know- we would love to hear from you! Alternatively, if you do not wish to come into school but can provide any resources that the children can use we would welcome those instead- Thank you!

Nut Free School

Swansfield Park is now officially a nut free school and we would like to remind parents (particularly those bringing in packed lunches) that products containing nuts (e.g. peanut butter/chocolate spread) are not allowed. Please also ensure your child washes their hands and brushes their teeth if they have had nut products for breakfast.

Classroom Organisation

Now that Miss Whitlow has gone on maternity leave, Mrs Grimes is now full time in Plum class and I am now full time in Nursery. We continue our regular support from Kerry, Mr Swordy, Amy, Bethany, Joe and Claire. Throughout the year, we also continue to welcome students.

Full-Time School Places

The school place allocations for Reception will be announced on the 16th April. You should receive notification from the County Council to let you know whether you have been given a place at our school. Please note, if you have not applied within the window you will not receive notification! If you don't receive notification, or have any issues or concerns please come and see me and I will try my best to help you.

Illness

As most of you know, lots of children have been off poorly recently and the bugs have spread extremely quickly. Can I please remind parents that if your child is poorly, the best place for them is to be at home resting (so they can recover and no germs are passed on). If your child is sick, they should be off school for a minimum of 48 hours from when they were last sick.

Pick up/Drop off

If someone different is picking up or dropping off your child from school, please let us know by adding this change to our collection log (see a member of staff). If it is not in our collection log we cannot release your child from school.

Shared Learning 4

This half term we will be talking about the children's love of books (with links to World Book Day). So we would like your child to draw a picture of their favourite book/character so we can make a display. We would appreciate as many responses as possible as we feel it is important for children to associate learning not just with school, but home as well.

IMPORTANT- Please remember to keep your contact telephone numbers updated at the school office in case we need to get in touch with you.

Learning Journals

Staff have noticed that parental engagement with School 360 (adding photographs to journals) is very low. Adding photographs to your child's learning journal is really important to us so that we can see the important learning that goes on outside the classroom- which we may not see in school. Some examples of photographs could be: recognising numbers on bins, spotting seasonal changes on walks, counting shells at the beach, writing their name in the mud or reading books at home. For the parents that add photographs regularly we will be entering your child's name into a prize draw to win a book.

Blog

Another reminder to parents that I write a blog on the school website (under class pages) where I share photos and information about what we have been up to in Nursery, please take a read!

Stay and Play

Just like last term, we will be inviting you in to spend some time playing and learning with your children. Don't forget to put your name down!

Dates/times are:

Mon 18th March: 10.15am and 2.00pm

Wed 20th March : 10.15am and 2.00pm

Fri 22nd March: 10.15am and 2.00pm

Spring 2 General Aims — N1 (Children who started Nursery in January)

- Turn-taking and sharing
- Developing fine motor skills
- Playing with others
- Listening to others
- Sounds all around us
- Talking in full sentences
- Changing independently

Spring 2 General Aims — N2 (Children who started Nursery in September)

- Developing concentration and perseverance
- Developing fine motor skills
- Using a range of tools safely.
- Listening to others
- Rhyme and alliteration
- Independent name writing
- Story telling
- Putting things away after we have finished using them (still!)

Diary Dates

- 18th / 20th / 22nd March Stay and Play
- Thursday 7th March World book day - dress up as your favourite story character £1 donation
- Friday 15th March Comic relief
- Friday 5th April School closes for Easter holidays
- Tuesday 23rd April School reopens

PLEASE REMEMBER TO NAME ALL UNIFORM (INCLUDING SHOES), WATER BOTTLES, HATS, GLOVES, SCARVES ETC.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate in speaking to one of the staff.

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