

# Nursery Newsletter - September 2019

## WELCOME

The children have all settled well and are pleased to see each other again after the summer.

We offer a warm welcome to all of our new children and families.

We also welcome a few new members of staff:

- Miss Malachova, Early Years Practitioner (Monday/Tuesday)
- Ms Gomez (Early Years Practitioner)
- Miss Kerr (Early Years Assistant)
- Miss Kennedy (Early Years Trainee)

We have a staff display board that has the photos and names of all our nursery staff.

## INDOOR SHOES

All children attending Ferryhill are asked to bring indoor shoes to be left in nursery. Black gym shoes are perfect. They will wear their wellies or shoes outside and change into their indoor shoes when inside.

This will encourage the children to become more independent getting changed for outdoor play and will keep our nursery clean!

Please remember to label ALL of your children's clothes and shoes so we can return items to the rightful owner if lost.



## NURSERY SESSIONS – A REMINDER



**DROP OFF** - Please take your child directly to their key worker at the start of each session. This is an important time when they take part in activities and share what they'd like to learn.

**PICK UP** – Children should be collected during the last 10 minutes of their session from their key worker. He/She will share any key information with you about your child's day. If you wish to pick up earlier please notify your child's key worker at drop off.

## CONTACTING NURSERY

If you are running late or if your child is unable to attend nursery for any reason please contact the school office and let them know.



## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Mon 16<sup>th</sup> May - Holiday  
Tue 17<sup>th</sup> - Fri 20<sup>th</sup> Sept - Settling meetings  
Mon 14<sup>th</sup> - Fri 18<sup>th</sup> Oct - Holiday  
Mon 21<sup>st</sup> and Tue 22<sup>nd</sup> Oct - In-Service days  
Thur 24<sup>th</sup> & Fri 25<sup>th</sup> Oct - Sharing the learning sessions

## QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS

If you have any questions or comments about this newsletter or something happening in nursery, please speak to Ms. Vince or a member of nursery staff in the first instance. We also have a comments/suggestions box in the cloakroom and our 'Wish Fish' display for you to give us your ideas and suggestions.

## We are learning .....

The children have been learning about different ways they can stay healthy including:

- healthy eating
- regular exercise
- tooth brushing,
- road safety and
- the nursery golden rules



The children will be focussing on one golden rule per week. We will display the rule we are focussing on in the nursery cloakroom. We would love for parents/carers to speak to the children about what they have been learning and reinforce these rules through discussion at home too!

We have also been learning ‘All about me!’ which is a great chance for children to get to know each other as well as learning more about themselves and their body.

We would love your input into what the children learn and have some of our ideas in the cloakroom – please add anything to these that you would like us to cover!

## PROGRESS JOTTERS



This session, staff are going to be recording observations of children in progress jotters. Each week, one child from each key worker group will be a ‘focus child’ and their learning, across the curriculum, will be observed and recorded by all nursery staff. This will be repeated every term and parents/carers will be invited into the nursery to share this with their child and the key worker. This will offer the opportunity for children to discuss what they have been learning with the adult who and will give the person visiting to observe the progress the child has made throughout the year. Our first ‘Sharing the learning’ sessions will take place on **24/25<sup>th</sup> October**. Look out for more information closer to the time.



## SNACK

Please note that all payment for nursery snack should now be made through parent pay, the online system that Edinburgh schools use. A letter has been issued to all parents/carers explain how to register for parent pay and arrange to pay for snack. The cost of snack remains as AM/PM/2's £1 per week and FT £1.50 per week. Please note that there is **NO CHARGE** for lunches for children who attend the full time session.