

# Welcome to Nursery

Dear Parents,

Happy New Year and welcome to the Nursery at Seaton Sluice First School! At the start of this new year there are some exciting changes about to happen in your child's life. Starting Nursery is a big step and we will work hard with your child and yourselves to ensure that the transition is as smooth as possible.

Here are a few things that you might like to know and that we would like you to be aware of:

## The Nursery Morning

- Nursery starts at 8.45 and home time is at 11.45.
- We will spend a lot of time helping your child to settle in so don't worry. Your child is very young and this is all very new so tears are normal. If your child is upset on entry into the classroom, feel free to call the school office and we will let you know how they are getting on.
- Don't worry if your child finds the whole morning too much, we will start slowly and build up to a whole session if necessary. Remember your child has only just turned 3 and this is all very new. We want your child to be happy in Nursery!
- Please come in each day via the Nursery gate. We ask that you please leave your child at the door as this helps a lot with settling them in. Again, if they are upset when you leave, please feel free to call the school office to check in.
- Your child will follow a daily routine that they will get used to very quickly. They will hang up their coat, put their book bag and water bottle into the boxes, find their picture card to self-register and pick up their dough for our morning 'Dough Disco' session.
- Your child will be given a snack and a carton of cow's milk each day.
- Your child needs a water bottle in school every day. Please ensure that this is filled with water and not juice.
- Your child will experience lots of messy play. This will include paint, mud, chalk, water, shaving foam and sand. Your child will get dirty on most days.
- Please let us know if someone else is collecting your child from Nursery. You will be given a password and they will need to give us this.

## Uniform

- A list of uniform for your child to wear was sent out in your welcome pack. Uniform should be easy for your child to manage for toilet trips and PE. No laces please. Please leave spare clothes in a bag on your child's peg. Please label EVERYTHING! Even shoes and wellies.

## Outdoors

- We will be outdoors in all weather. Please ensure that your child has a spare set of clothes, a warm coat and wellies for playing outside. Please also make sure that these are all clearly labelled with your child's name.

## PE:

- We will notify you when the children need a P.E kit. However, each Friday is 'Fit Friday.' Children can come into school wearing their sporty clothes. We will take part in some fun physical activities throughout the morning.

### Class Dojo

- This year we will be using Class Dojo to share 'WOW' moments with you. Please check Class Dojo regularly and we look forward to seeing your comments on your child's photos.
- We also enjoy looking at photographs of what you have been up to at home so please do add some.
- We will also use Class Dojo to communicate with you, and to share what we have been up to in class. I will send a link via Parent mail so you can sign up and access this. Any problems/issues please do not hesitate to get in touch.

### Illness & Medication

- If you need to send any form of medication in for your child, please fill out a medicine form at the office. If we do not have the form, we cannot administer the medicine.
- If your child is ill, please let the school office know as soon as possible.

You must keep your child off school for 48 hours after the last bout of sickness or diarrhoea.

### Promoting Independence

- We want your child to be a confident and independent learner and in doing so we ask that you support us at home by encouraging your child to put on and take off their own coat, shoes and clothes.
- If your child needs some support in using the toilet, please ensure they have lots of spare underwear and changes of clothes in a bag on their peg.

We look forward to meeting you all soon.

Thank you for your support!

Mrs McBride and Mrs Warren