Hurlford Early Childhood Centre

September 2023 Newsletter

Welcome back everyone and to our first newsletter of 2023-24 session. We have had a lovely first few weeks settling back into the ECC – lots of pictures on your child’s learning journals.

**Golden Rules**

This week we will be exploring our ECC Golden Rules – these are introduced using Mr Potato head. These are;

1. Thinking hat
2. Looking eyes
3. Listening ears
4. Inside/kind voices
5. Kind hearts
6. Gentle/kind hands
7. Walking feet (in playrooms)

We use these rules to encourage and develop children’s skills for example; listening and attention, social and emotional.

**What I need to do? For parents/carers.**

* Return any forms
* Please provide a Family picture – upload to learning journals for our family wall
* Ensure child’s name is on clothing, jackets etc.
* Check your child’s **Learning Journal** – if you can’t remember log in details then please let a member of staff know and we can resend new ones. All your child’s learning is posted on LJ’s on a Friday, their targets and observations are all documented on LJ. It is really important that you are accessing your child’s profile regularly.

**What does my child need?**

* Change of clothes (in bag always – tops, trousers, socks & pants)
* Indoor shoes for the ECC.
* Wellies that can be kept in ECC – name on them preferably.
* A water bottle that your child can drink from throughout the day that will be returned home each day, ideally only plain water in this bottle. We only allow water or milk except for special events.

Encourage to **NOT** bring any toys to the ECC.

**Parental Partnership**

Our first stay and play sessions will take place 20th and 21st September 2023. This is a great opportunity to spend some time in the ECC with your child participating in activities that your child will do lately. Let them show you their routine etc.

**Library**

From Monday 18th September our Library will be available in the Purple Hut outdoors – this will be open every day at home time. Please have a look with your child, just remember to sign out any books and tick off when returned.

**Donations**

We are looking to update all our role play opportunities for the children so are asking for some help from our parents/carers. You may work in this field or have family that do, or things you may have in the house.

* Hairdressers – brushes, bobbles, hair clips, old rollers, old shampoo, spray bottles etc.
* Doctors/Vets – bandages, posters, old magazines, old role play outfits.
* Police/Firefighter – posters, signs etc

**Dates for your diary:**

Monday 11th September – Library in Purple Hut opens

Wednesday 20th September – Stay & Play - Monkey & Koala group

Thursday 21st September – Stay & Play - Tiger & Llama group

Friday 22nd September – HOLIDAY

Monday 25th September – HOLIDAY

Monday 16th October – OCTOBER HOLIDAY WEEK

Monday 23rd October – In-service day

Tuesday 24th October – Children return