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 **Newark Nursery School**

**Newsletter**

**March 2022**

 

New Children

Welcome to our new children! Jo, Sara, Aria, Mollie, Grayson, Declan and Jamie. We are so lucky to have you as part of our Newark Family. All our children are settling in so well and we are now at our full capacity of 80. Just about all of our children are staying for lunch and considering they are 3 – 5 year olds they do amazingly well at walking over to the canteen and are fab at eating their lunch. We are so proud of them! We will post some pictures on twitter of our lunchtime tables.

Just a little reminder that the admissions for the coming year 22-23 is closed, and allocation of places will be considered by the authority with notification of places being sent out on the 11th May for March – October birthdays and the 16th September for November - February birthdays. We will still accept application forms but these won’t be considered by the authority until the late admission process in August.

 ‘Commotion in the Ocean’

This is our story backdrop which we will be focussing on up until the Easter break. The children have been learning about the Ocean and its inhabitants. We have taken a special look at rhyming words. Maybe you could try finding rhyming words around the house!

E Learning Journals

The white and yellow groups are now using E Learning Journals fully, thank you to all our parents who contribute to their child’s learning we love to see what learning happens at home. The staff have now taken delivery of our new tablets and the rest of our groups will be going live with their E Journals on the 14th March.

 We have also started our bedtime story programme, Groups will receive a bedtime story over a 2 week period, we would be grateful if you can have the books and folders back to us in time for passing them on to the next group. Thank you.

School fund.

We are starting our school fund again. We did collect £2 per week but this has been reduced to £1. As parents are still not allowed into nursery we will have a bucket out on Monday morning for you to drop your donations in. This money helps us to provide treats such as Easter eggs, entertainers, parties and gifts for our children. Thank you for all your support.

Food /Sweets.

Can you please make sure that there are NO food items in your child’s school bags? We have children with a variety of allergies /special diets in the nursery and it is so easy for wee one’s to access others bags. We are very aware of the hazards of choking on certain sweets and do our best to mitigate any circumstances of accidents happening.

Absence

If your wee one isn’t coming to nursery please let us know. We need to order lunch by 9.30 am. If we don’t hear from you we will call you as part of our managing attendance. As a safe guarding issue it is really important that we can account for all our children, if we can’t contact parents or the emergency contact then we wouldn’t hesitate to call the police.

Website

Please have a look at our website at <https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/in/newarknur/> where you will find lots more information about what goes on at Newark.

Upcoming Holidays

Easter- Close, Friday 1st April. Open Tuesday 19th April

May Day- Closed Monday 2nd May and In-service training on Tuesday 3rd May for staff.

Spring Break -Closed Friday 27th May and Monday30th May.

Clothing

Can we ask that children dress for the weather? All our children have access to outdoor learning every day, We support the children to get organised for going out, but we will be encouraging the children to develop self- help skills, putting on and taking off their own coats and shoes, Clothes /shoes that are easy for the children to manage are best, Velcro trainers, leggings or jogging trousers that have elasticated waists make life easier for them, especially at the toilet. We also have lots of messy activities so old clothes that you don’t mind getting dirty are best. It is a good idea to have a few changes of clothes in your child’s school bag and a pair of soft shoes/trainers to wear indoors rather than being in wellies all day. REMEMBER PUT YOUR WEE ONE’S NAME ON ALL BELONGINGS

Car Park REMINDER

Please can we remind you that the carpark is for staff and disabled drivers? We are very conscious of the possibility of a wee one getting hurt by the amount of cars coming in and out of the car park. Please keep this a safe environment and remember we have to ensure that our emergency services have free access to the school at all times.

COVID- 19

As you are aware many restrictions in Scotland have been eased, and we have now came back together in the one big playroom. However, we would be so grateful if you could continue to support us by following our social distance policy, all adults must remain 2 meters apart. All adults must also wear a face mask when dropping off and collecting children. The playground has been marked off for you to wait safely. We also ask that as soon as you have picked up or dropped off your child you leave the school grounds. You may also know we have very little space in our entrance way / cloakroom so we will also be continuing with our staggered intake times in the morning and leaving times in the afternoon, this supports us in mitigating risks and keeping children, staff and parents as safe as possible. Hopefully this will not be for too much longer!

Can we also ask that if your wee one has any symptoms of Covid 19 then you test them before coming to nursery? A temperature, cough, loss of smell or taste, are some of the symptoms. Again we are just trying to reduce the chances of Covid coming into nursery and getting transmitted amongst our children and staff.

Children who have vomiting or diarrhoea must be off for 48 hrs from their last bout of illness, in line with NHS guidance.

Covid Guidance at Newark