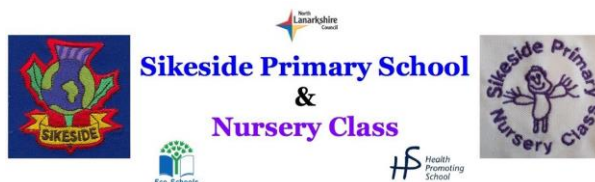


# Sikeside Primary School & Nursery Class

## Nursery Newsletter September 2022

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### Head teacher's Message

16th September 2022



Dear Parents and Carers,

We would like to extend a warm welcome to our new children and families to Sikeside. The children have settled in remarkably well and have adapted to new routines brilliantly. A special thank you goes to our new families who have played a crucial part in helping their child transition into nursery. We are all loving the updated and refreshed indoor and outdoor spaces that the nursery team worked on over the summer.

Welcome, also, to our returning children and families. The children have settled in marvellously to their new session at nursery and are enjoying having new friends and resources to play with.

Thank you to all our parents for continuing to support our security policy in the playground. [Click here to view our Safer Schools and Nursery Policy.](#) You will see signs on the school and nursery doors. This reinforces to the children their Right to be Safe.

If you have any queries or concerns, in the meantime please do not hesitate to get in touch with myself or a member of the senior management team so that we can help you to support your child.

Please continue to keep safe and healthy

With thanks

Mrs H Paterson

Head Teacher

## Learning Matters- September Experiences



## Getting to know You and Autumn



*1 - Over the next six weeks we will be spending time getting to know each other learning all about where we live and our families through small group discussions. We will be sharing family photos with our friends and drawing and painting pictures of our family members.*

*We will be learning all our nursery rules and routines and will create a routine time board in the playroom to help us to follow what is happening in the nursery each day.*

*Moving on through the month we will be exploring the change of seasons with Autumn fast approaching.*

*We will be out and about exploring the local environment and woodland area, where we will go on an Autumn nature walk and collect various Autumn materials. We will take part in many autumn experiences such as autumn tuff tray, leaf rubbings, autumn pictures, autumn stories/songs and creating animal habitats.*

*Through these experiences children will develop a variety of skills such as, turn taking, sharing, number recognition, counting, exploring nature, safety, colours, shape, pattern, movement and using our senses to explore.*

*We will create an Autumn display tray and would appreciate any help to fill this. If you are out on a nature walk with your child please feel free to collect some Autumn items, for example, twigs, leaves, conkers, acorns and pine cones.*

*We are hoping to create a holistic area in the nursery to aid the children's exploration play and development. We would be grateful if you had any resources you no longer require and we could add them to our areas. We are looking for:*

*Natural sponges*

*Loofas*

*Wooden curtain rings*

*Large Cardboard tubes*

*buttons ( different shapes and sizes )*

*Old cds*

*Wooden bowls and cups*

*Glass beads*

*Thank you so much for your help in helping to create a stimulating and safe environment for the children.*

## **Parental Engagement- Parent Views**

We will shortly be issuing our new families with a questionnaire to find out how we can improve our transition experience. We want to know what worked well for you and your child as we welcomed you into the nursery and what we can change to make improvements.

As part of our School and Nursery improvement planning we will be focusing on Relationships and What Matters to You and Your Child. We will be re-drafting our Relationships Policy and looking at our Nursery Vision and Values. We want to hear your thoughts and views. Please look out for a questionnaire coming soon.

### **STAY AND PLAY SESSIONS**

**At the end of October we will be inviting you in to some Stay and Play Sessions where you will have the chance to come into nursery and join in play experiences with your child.**

## Nursery Uniform and Outdoor Clothing



Please can we ask that the children wear suitable clothing for outdoor play whatever the weather- warm coats and wellie boots are a must! You can leave these in the nursery if you prefer. Children

should either bring a pair of wellies to be kept in nursery or bring a pair everyday- we are having lots of fun playing outside in all weathers! Please ensure that your child has a change of clothes in the nursery too. If we outside having fun in the rain we might get a little bit wet!

Please also ensure that your child's name is clearly labelled on all items of clothing- hats, scarves etc! It is surprising how many we find with no names on them!

## **Snack Fund**



Thank you to those parents and carers who continue to pay their voluntary snack fund money each week. We ask for a small donation of £2 per week to go towards playing for snack for the children. This money also pays for fabulous new resources in the nursery. All monies paid go directly back to the children. Thank you.

## **Attendance and Absence**

Please contact the nursery if your child will not be attending nursery. It is important that we know why your child won't be attending nursery each day. Thank you.

## Sun Protection

As we are experiencing unseasonably warm and sunny weather, we want to make sure your child is fully protected from the sun as they learn outdoors.

On sunny days, please ensure your child comes to school with sun cream already applied. We politely ask that sun cream is also sent with your child and that it is labelled. In addition, also provide your child with a sun hat with their name on it.

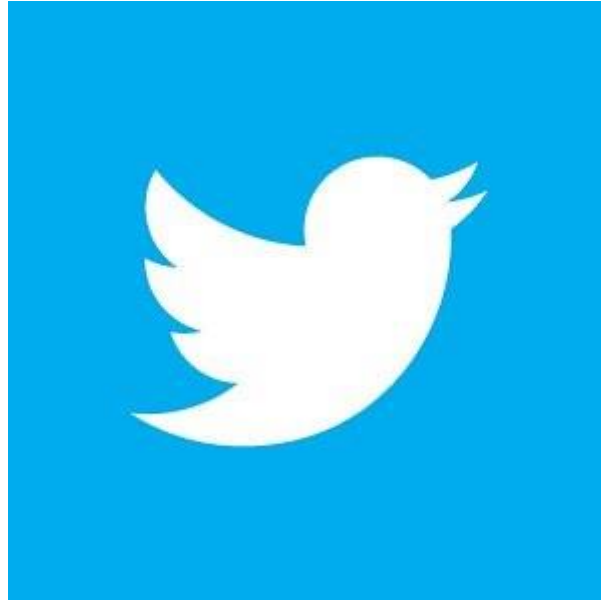
We thank you for your support with this. We do have suncream within the nursery and on hot, sunny days we will reapply this.

## Nursery Lunches

Please use the link below to access the menu for nursery lunches. Please do not worry if your child appears not to like something on the menu as we will always ensure that your child is well fed throughout the day.

<https://www.northlanarkshire.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/school-meals/meal-menus/nursery-school-menu>

## Communication with Parents and Carers



Our main method of communication continues to be the school Twitter account, which can be accessed on most web browsers at <https://twitter.com/SikesidePS> . It is not necessary to have a Twitter account to view the page. If you do have a Twitter account, follow @SikesidePS to keep up-to-date with school news and @SikesideN <https://twitter.com/sikesiden> to keep up to date and see what is happening in our nursery class. We also communicate via email through our school and

nursery email system. Newsletters and other pieces of information are emailed out to parents via this method.

Text Messaging will continue to be used to inform parents/carers of important information and emergencies. Please inform the office if your mobile phone number changes. In our aim to keep parents/carers as fully informed as possible, the school will:

- publish a monthly newsletter and class termly newsletters
- send home letters via 'pupil post'
- share news and information on our website: <https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/nl/sikeside/>

At the moment, parents/carers are not able to visit the school without an appointment. If you have any questions or comments, please get in touch via my email address [enquiries-at-sikeside@northlan.org.uk](mailto:enquiries-at-sikeside@northlan.org.uk) or phoning the school office on 01236 794838. Also, members of the management team are available before and after school at the gates to speak with. If you wish to speak with a member of the nursery team then please do so at drop off and pick up.

## Online Learning Journals



The feedback from our online learning journals has been fantastic. We hope that everyone is getting to access it regularly to check on your child's progress. Please get in touch if you have not had access yet or if your e-mail address changes. We have loved the interactions from families on learning journals and have enjoyed seeing some home achievements uploaded. We welcome any achievements and love to celebrate success from putting on a jacket to joining a new club. Please share any successes or photographs of your child with us on the 'parent contribution' tab on your child's profile.



## Dates for your Diary



Monday 19th September 2022: School and Nursery Closed

Friday 23rd September 2022 - September Weekend (School and Nursery closed )

Monday 26th September 2022 - September Weekend (School and Nursery closed)

Thursday 6th October 2022: Parent Council (2.00pm)

Friday 14th October 2022: Pre School Orthoptic Vision Screening

Monday 17th October 2022 - Friday 21st October 2022: October Week Holiday (School and nursery closed- for term time children)

Monday 14th November 2022: In-service Day 3 (School and Nursery closed to pupils)

**Nursery stay and play session - End of October- dates to be confirmed**