

Early Years Newsletter

January 2018



Thank you!

Happy New Year!! Welcome back. The children have all come back full of enthusiasm and fully absorbed in their learning through play.

A huge thank you from all the Early Years staff for all of our lovely, and very thoughtful Christmas gifts that we received. It was such a pleasant surprise and you are all very kind.

Clothing

We still have lots of children's clothing that is un-named. Please help us to help you, by putting your child's name in **ALL** of their clothing. It can then be easily identified and returned to their peg or drawer.

All items of un-named clothing will go into the Early Years lost property bucket and then transferred to the KS1 lost property box every Monday which is situated in the key stage 1 cloakroom.

Early Years Cake Stall

It is the Early Years' turn to run the class cake stall after school in the lower hall **Friday 2nd February**. We would be grateful for donations of homemade or shop bought cakes/biscuits, that we can then sell after school. All monies profited will then be spent on early years, so your children will benefit directly. If anyone can help set up the cake stall and/or possibly stay and help sell them, then please have a word with Roni Robbins - Daisy's mum.

Please remember that we are a **NUT FREE SCHOOL**.

Reading (full time children)

Please can the full time children have their reading books and planners in school every day. We encourage you to take them home each day and read whenever is possible. Once you have listened to your child read please sign in their planner with any relevant comments. Our aim is that we will change the children's reading book's weekly. Please see a teacher if you have any further questions or queries. We value your continued support with home learning and it's great to see the amazing progress all of the children are making as a result of this. Thank you.

Parent Workshops

There will be an Early Years Writing Workshop and a Maths Workshop for parents to attend. This will give you all you need to know to further support your children at home in phonics, writing and maths. These will be held on the following afternoons:

- Writing Workshop Tuesday 6th February at 2:30pm with Mrs Batchelor.
- Maths Workshop Thursday 8th March at 2:30pm with Mr Deakin.

These will be held in the Early Years small classroom. We look forward to seeing you all there if you can attend.

www.espresso.co.uk

This is a useful educational website that we regularly use in school to support phonics and maths development. You can also access at home with the following login details.

- espresso username: student24256, password: pupilfp.

Once logged in then you are given access to a number of phonics and maths games/challenges. If you have any queries or questions regarding this then please speak to Mr Deakin.

Reception places for September 2018 (Part time children).

Applications for Reception places starting in September 2018 should have been submitted by 15th January. If you have missed this deadline and you are still yet to apply for your child's school place then please do contact the admissions team on 01904551554 or email: education@york.gov.uk. Applicants will be advised of their allocated school on 'National Offer Day', which is 16th April 2018.

Learning from Home

We love to hear about all the fantastic things that your child does out of school. Feel free to bring in any pictures and achievements or use a 'Golden Moments' slip to record special times. We can share these with everybody in our class and add them to our 'learning from home' board. This then contributes to your child's learning journey book, which is yours to take home and treasure at the end of their time in the Early Years Unit.

We have also made a class Learning Journey including all the wonderful activities and events that we have taken part of as a class. Please feel free to comment in this too.

Toys from Home

It is still a problem in school with children bringing in their own toys from home, however it is apparent that some parents are totally unaware of this! We have spoken to the children in school, but please could you also remind your children **NOT** to bring their own toys/comforters into school unless already agreed with a member of staff. It is causing a lot of distress for them and others when they go missing or another child takes it.

Parent's evenings

Parent's evenings are coming up after half term. You will have the opportunity to meet with one of the Early Years teachers to discuss your child's learning and development. These will be held after school on 21st and 22nd February after school. There will be further details to follow including a letter with a reply slip for you to state your preference of date and time.

Finally, we finish school for half term on Friday 9th Feb at the usual time of 3:15pm and return Monday 19th February. We hope you have a lovely break.

As ever, we thank you so much for your continued support, we are very lucky and so very grateful to have such helpful parents.