



"We Learn to Be Wise"

Aberlady Nursery News

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Dear Parent/Carer,

We would like to give a warm welcome to our new and returning families to nursery. We trust that everyone had a lovely summer and has now settled back into their routines.

Our monthly newsletter's aim to enhance our communication with you and keep you more informed.

 A photograph of a 'values tree' made of cardboard. The tree has a brown trunk and green leaves. Three signs are attached to the tree: 'Co-operation', 'Kindness', and 'Respect'. A date stamp '29/09/2019' is visible at the bottom of the tree.	<p>Our Learning...</p> <p>The children have settled in well to the nursery routines. We have been learning about our school rules and values. In the nursery entrance hall, you may have noticed, our 'values' tree. We will be using this to celebrate our children demonstrating the rules and values.</p> <p>Our school rules are to show; kindness, respect and co-operation.</p>
	<p>Key Person</p> <p>The nursery will be introducing a key person approach. The key person approach is an effective way of enabling children to develop a strong relationship with a significant adult in the nursery. A key person will have responsibilities for a small group of children and will help those children feel safe and cared for. They will also be the main point of contact for parents/carers and will be there to pass on any relevant information.</p> <p>Of course, all members of the nursery team will still be there to support yourself and your child throughout nursery. You will be made aware of your key person over the next couple of weeks.</p>

	<p>Postcards Home</p> <p>As part of our recent training and research we have made the decision to move away from the “stickers everyday approach” which could at times be inconsistent and relies heavily on extrinsic motivation. As a result of this, we are going to start sending postcards home to celebrate and share with you the extra special achievements or positive behaviours that have been observed in nursery over the year.</p>
	<p>Story Sacks/Book Bags (AM children)</p> <p>Shortly, we will begin sending a book bag or story sack (rotated termly) home to each morning child.</p> <p>What is a story sack? A story sack contains a story book and supporting materials to simulate reading activities. Everything in the sack has been chosen to offer a multi-sensory approach to sharing books and will make reading fun. By using the story sack together you will provide opportunities for your child to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Listen to good stories read aloud, • Talk and extend their vocabulary, • Extend their general knowledge , • Explore events and characters in stories. <p>Volunteer Wanted! The nursery team are looking for a willing parent/carer volunteer to organise and maintain our story sacks or book bags. This would involve signing out the book /story sack to each child once a week and checking the story sacks are complete when returned. If you think this is something you would be interested in then please speak to the nursery team for more information. Thank you!</p>
	<p>Adventure Ted (PM children)</p> <p>We will be introducing adventure ted, our nursery teddy bear, who will be working their way around all of the afternoon children and coming home with them for a weekend visit. We hope that all of our children and families enjoy having adventure ted home for a visit.</p>
	<p>Stay and Play</p> <p>The stay and play calendar is now on display in the nursery cloakroom for September. This is a great opportunity to come and join your child in exploring the nursery together or if you have a particular skill or interest you want to share with the nursery e.g. baking, then please inform a member of staff.</p> <p>Please feel free to phone or drop a note to a member of staff if you will not be physically in the nursery to sign up.</p>



Dates for the Diary

- Take a Peak- Wednesday 4th September at 6pm. Take a peak is an opportunity for you to have a look around the nursery and a chance to hear about setting targets.
- September Weekend- School will be closed on Friday 13th and Monday 16th September.