



Early Years Foundation Stage Weekly Newsletter

Friday 9th October 2020

Nursery

This week we have been talking about the people who live in our house with us. The children have drawn some wonderful pictures of their families.

We walked to the KS2 wooded area and told the story of Goldilocks and the Three Bears in the 'forest'. Wearing our wellington boots we squelched our way through the mud. Fun was had by all as we role-played the story and learned the words to 'When Goldilocks went to the House of the Bears.' The children have been introduced to Purple Mash and have played in the games area –completing jigsaws. Also, we painted a bear's face and added its features.

At home this weekend please speak to your child about their birthday month as we will be asking them about it next week. We would like to ask that children bring their coats to nursery every day and it is, of course, labelled clearly with their name. We do play outside everyday.

Nursery Star of the Week

Congratulations to:

- * Blue group (am) **George** for marvellous mark making.
- * Blue group (pm) **Ruby Ann** for super speaking.
- * Yellow group (am) **Anakin** for super speaking and listening at group time.
- * Yellow group (pm) **Abel** for recalling our Golden Rules.
- * Red group (am) **Olivia Bu** for being able to fasten her own coat.
- * Red group (pm) **Lilly** helping the new children settle into Nursery.

Good Tidying Certificate

Congratulations to:

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| 👧 Blue group (am) Ralph | 👧 (Blue group pm) Harry |
| 👧 Yellow group (am) Bea | 👧 (Yellow group pm) Madison |
| 👧 Red group (am) Daniel | 👧 Red group (pm) Alex |

Star Outside of School



Nursery Routine

The Nursery morning session **ends** at 11.45am and the afternoon session at 2.45pm (30hours) or 3.30pm (15 hours) We understand that sometimes things don't go to plan but, we would ask that parents arrive promptly at the end of each session. The children are always very excited to see their family and can become distressed if everyone else has gone home and they are left waiting. For safeguarding reasons we would ask that all parents/carers use only the main Nursery door as an entrance/exit to Nursery. Please note, as part of our safeguarding procedures we are continuing to operate a 'First Day Response' system. Please help us by informing the school if your child is going to be absent. The school will contact families of children who are absent from school without explanation.

Parent App

If you have not already done so please download the app Parentapps Connect, which allows us to communicate with parents via text message/push notifications. The Parentapps Connect App will also provide you with instant access to term dates, event information, newsletters, secure documents, our website and much more. The App is fully secure and GDPR compliant and in order to access it you will need to be invited via text message. In order for us to be able to contact/communicate information to you via our messaging system please call into the office to fill in your details. You will then receive a text message from us inviting you to download the app.

Notice parents/carers

If you have not already done so, please ensure that all letters and forms that have been sent home are filled out and sent back in to your child's key worker as soon as possible.

If you think you have lost or misplaced any of the forms, please ask a member of staff for a new copy.

Please also note that it is very important that your child's 'All About Me' booklet is sent back into Nursery as soon as possible. Many thanks.

Let's Stay Safe

Home time is a very busy period in the school day. Please be aware that as your child's key worker dismisses your child from group, it is then your responsibility to supervise your child at all times as you leave the school grounds. By working together we can ensure that the safety of all children remains a priority. Many thanks.

Medicines

Please inform your key workers if your child requires any inhalers/medication during school time. It is extremely important that medicine forms are filled in and signed by parents and that all medication has a pharmacy label with your child's name on. Thank you.

Let's Stay Safe!

Please let your child's key worker know if someone different will be collecting them at home time so that we can keep the children safe.

In the event of a sudden change of plan e.g. traffic congestion, running late etc. please phone the school office and they will pass a message onto the teacher. For safeguarding reasons the person collecting your child must be 16 years old or above. Thank you for your co-operation.

School Site

For Health and Safety reasons, children are not allowed to return to school after home time and play on the school site. We also politely ask that children are not allowed to play on our Nursery/Reception equipment before and after school.

Parking

Please be aware that for health and safety reasons parents cannot park on the school car park. We would ask parents to park responsibly and considerately around the entire school site. Holyrood Nursery driveway is not to be used for parking, as this prevents access and is dangerous. We would also ask you to respect local residents by not parking across their driveways and blocking their access. Thank you for your co-operation.

Home/School Communication

Contact Details for Parents/Carers

Please ensure that school has your latest contact details as we will use these details when school staff (including health staff who work in school) need to contact you about your child. Thank you.

Email Communication

Please be aware that although the school office email is checked regularly, if parents have urgent queries it is better to contact school by telephone.

Bicycles and Scooters

Please be aware that if you travel to school on a scooter or bicycle then it is in the interest of public safety that you dismount when within school grounds.

****IMPORTANT NOTICES****

Legh Vale School is a non-smoking site. For health and safety reasons we would like to ask that parents refrain from smoking when dropping off/picking children up from school. This includes electronic cigarettes.

We would also like to politely ask that parents do not bring dogs onto the premises. Thank you.



Uniform

The children look really smart! Uniform can be ordered from the school office. Our uniform policy requires the children to wear school shoes rather than trainers. We would also ask that extreme/fashion haircuts and decorative hair bands be left for holiday times. Thank you for your co-operation and support.

Holiday Dates

To support parents, holiday dates for 2020/2021 are now available on the school website.

Snack



Children will receive milk and various fruit at snack time each day. This is free of charge.



Diary Dates

2020	
Friday 23rd October	School closes for half term
Monday 2nd November	Children return to school
Friday 18th December	School closes for Christmas