



DUNS PRIMARY ELCC AUGUST NEWSLETTER 2018

We are delighted to welcome our new children, children we have known last year and all parents and carers.

WORD AND RHYME OF THE WEEK To encourage literacy in the nursery, we have introduced a word and rhyme of the week. The word of the week will be displayed on the whiteboard in the cloakroom and the rhyme will be sent home with each child. Each child will be given a polly pocket to keep their rhymes in at home. It is always good if we get feedback on how these words and rhymes are used out with the nursery – please let us know if they crop up in conversation.

CHANGE OF CLOTHES We would appreciate if all children had their own bag with a change of clothes inside. It is useful if names are on your child's clothing (especially if you child has the nursery uniform). The children have the opportunity to play outside every day. It is helpful if your child has shoes which they can put on themselves.

Details how to order uniforms can be found on our school website or Border Embroideries website. Nursery uniform is not compulsory.

SNACK MONEY For full time children snack money for this term is £16.50. If you are unsure of how much to pay please ask a member of staff. Snack can be paid weekly (50p per day). If paying termly, we would appreciate if the amount was paid at the beginning of the term. Thank you.

LIBRARY BOOKS We have a selection of library books in the cloakroom. They are there for you to borrow whenever suits. Please return them at your leisure – there is no need to let us know when you borrow any.

WEEKEND NEWS As from Monday 27th August the children will have the opportunity to tell us their weekend news. It can be something as simple as visiting friends or relatives or playing outside in the garden. This activity encourages turn taking, listening to others and builds on their confidence. We will carry this on every Monday until December. You may want to give your child a few clues on what they could share with us.

“GET TOGETHER” Four times a year we have the opportunity to have a focus on a particular theme. They are run for adults only during the nursery session and last approximately 1 hour. In the past such topics we have discussed are numeracy, literacy, behaviour and Expectations. It is a good opportunity to meet other parents/carers informally over a cup of tea and a biscuit. (Details to follow).

MEET THE TEACHER/STAFF The nursery will be open along with the school for those wishing to come and meet staff. Mrs Stewart (Head Teacher) will be giving a chat in the hall for anyone who would like to attend. Time to be confirmed.

ART WEEK We focus on a particular artist and would welcome any parent/carer helpers. (No expertise necessary). If you would like to help, please sign in the Parent Folder in the cloakroom.

STAY AND PLAY If you would like the opportunity to come and see your child at play in the nursery, please sign in the Parent Folder. (You can stay for as long or as little time as you please). The Stay and Play sessions start 22nd October – 7th November. If these days do not suit, please let us know and we will accommodate you on another date.

STAFFING We are delighted to have Mrs Gilchrist back with us in the nursery full- time. We also welcome Ms Jack who has come from Lauder nursery. Ms Jack will be every morning and a Tuesday afternoon.

FLOWER SHOW We are having a flower show! This will run all week starting 10th September. Your child can contribute by bringing a painting, a garden on a plate, an animal made from vegetables or anything else you can think of.

Staff for the nursery is as follows: MORNING Mrs Watson and Mrs Clark Mrs Powner

Mrs Gilchrist and Ms Jack

AFTERNOON Mrs Watson Mrs Powner and Mrs Gilchrist

(Mrs Clark Monday and Tuesday) (Ms Jack Tuesday)

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Thursday 6 th September	Meet the teacher
Monday 10 th Sep-14 th September	Flower Show
Monday 17 th September	Art Week
Tuesday 25 th September	“Get Together”
Friday 5 th October	No nursery – Holiday
Monday 15 th October	All resume
Monday 22 nd October	Stay and Play starts for 3 weeks
Thursday 8 th November and Friday 9 th November	In-service (No nursery)
Monday 3 rd December	St Andrew’s Day (No nursery)

