



# Cleator Moor Nursery School



## Newsletter- Autumn 1

### Dates for your diary:

First Day of Term  
**Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September**  
*Welcome everyone*

New starters welcome  
meetings  
**2<sup>nd</sup> September - 4<sup>th</sup> September**

Induction visits for new  
starters  
**7<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> September**

Half Term Holiday  
**Monday 26<sup>th</sup> October**  
To  
**Friday 30<sup>th</sup> October**

Return to school  
**Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November**  
Normal session times

**Data Collection Sheets**  
Mrs Anson in the office will be sending home a data collection sheet which contains all the essential details we have on your child.  
Please check through the details, correct or add anything missing and return them to school as soon as you can.  
Thank you

### Dear Parents & Carers

Welcome back to the beginning of the Autumn Term. I hope you all had a lovely summer holiday. I extend a warm welcome to our new children and their families; I look forward to getting to know you and seeing the children settle in over the coming weeks.

This half term will be busy with lots of activities going on in the classrooms. We will be helping all children settle in by talking about family, friends and favourite things. We will be doing a variety of activities, learning new songs and rhymes and making new friends.

We welcome parents and families to work with us. During these new times and ways of working should you need to speak to your child's teacher please make an appointment by contacting the office. We are always available to answer any queries you may have. Should you wish to speak to me I can be contacted in the office on 01946811189 to make an appointment.

**Mrs L Wilson - Headteacher**

### **Snack**

We provide children with a daily snack. We have a range of healthy foods which includes seasonal fruit and veg. The children enjoy snack time in their small keyworker groups with a member of staff, this gives us an opportunity to use snack as a teaching opportunity to talk about healthy foods as well as other areas of learning such as maths-counting, weighing, measuring, colours, shape, size etc.

We ask for a contribution for snack of £1 per week. This can be paid weekly or in blocks. This term is  
£7 to half term  
£14 to Christmas

Please send your snack money in an envelope with your child's name on. Thank you

### **Baby / Family Photographs**

As part of our topic work we will be talking about our family and feelings and about the care babies need. We are going to create a family tree display. If you can please email to [admin@cleatormoor.cumbria.sch.uk](mailto:admin@cleatormoor.cumbria.sch.uk) a couple of family or baby pictures that we can use on our display.

We will be sending you photographs of displays and what is happening in school so that you can see how happy and busy your children are.

### **Attendance at Nursery**

Daily attendance is very important for a number of reasons. All children need to attend Nursery daily to make the most of the learning opportunities available to them and to achieve their full potential, young children can get upset if they feel they have missed out on an activity. Therefore please ensure your child attends everyday and arrives on time to start the session with their friends.

Please be aware due to COVID restrictions our doors will open at the start of the session. We cannot at this time open any earlier to allow you to wait in cloakrooms.

### **Absence**

It is very important to let us know if your child is ill or will be absent from school.

Please contact the school office on 01946 811189 to let us know the reason for your child's absence if they are ill. If you are going away please let us know your dates in advance.

This is especially important in these current times due to us needing to know about illness and potential COVID 19 symptoms. It will help us to operate our track and trace procedure.

Please make sure no child or adult comes to our school if they are showing any of the following symptoms.....

- Temperature of 37.8°C
- A new continuous cough
- Change to or loss of sense of taste/smell

Please also ensure all adults wear a mask on site and only one adult accompanies the child to school.

## Rainbow Room

We are looking forward to a busy time in our Rainbow Room over the next few weeks. The children will be settling in to their classroom and making new friends.

The children will be participating in a range of activities, both indoors and outdoors. All the children in the Rainbow Room enjoy playing outside in the nursery garden, we have many toys and resources to use in the garden, the children enjoy lots of physical activities such as riding bikes, throwing balls and rolling hoops as well as looking at nature and the creatures who live in our garden.

Our planning in The Rainbow Room will follow the interests of the children. Each week Mrs Messenger will plan activities which will stimulate the children to learn something new as well as catering for the things each child enjoys.



## Outdoor Play

We have a lovely outdoor play garden which the children love to play in every day. We use this space as an outdoor learning classroom, where children can access a variety of activities covering all areas of our Nursery curriculum. The weather does not stop us using this lovely area, please make sure your child comes to school with a coat (wellies, hat, scarf and gloves- when it becomes cooler) to play out in all weathers.

## Nursery Classroom

We will be busy helping the children settle in to the Nursery routines. Please remember we like to hear what your child has been doing at home, so please send photographs and comments by email to [admin@cleatormoor.cumbria.sch.uk](mailto:admin@cleatormoor.cumbria.sch.uk) to add to your child's Busy Book.

Our theme for the next few weeks will be 'Ourselves'. We will be thinking about our family and friends and all our favourite things. We will talk about why it is important to share and help each other. We will be making new friends and getting to know each other.

We will be learning the names of our groups and will enjoy a circle time and story time in our groups every day.



## Indoor shoes and uniform.

We have uniform available for sale in school- if you wish to purchase any sweatshirts, cardigans or polo tops please contact the school office on 01946 811189 or ask a member of staff.

We also require children to have a change of shoes which they can use as indoor shoes in the classroom. Most children wear little black pumps which are available from most supermarkets.

**Please label all clothing and shoes with your child's full name.**

## Busy Books

During your child's time here at Cleator Moor Nursery School we capture all their learning experiences in their individual Busy Books. These give parents an insight into their child's time in school and shows the progress they are making.

We value your contribution to these books and are keen to know what new things your child is doing at home. Your child's keyworker will be sending home ways for you to be involved in this process- more information will follow when we have settled the children into the routines of school.

## Parking/ Driving On School Grounds

We have had a few issues with cars blocking children's walkways to School. Please do **not** drive or park within the School grounds (Blue badge holders exempt). You must park on Ennerdale Road and walk into School. There is not enough room for cars to enter the slip road - it causes a hazard to families walking to school.

## Face masks

All adults **must** wear a face mask on our school site- as we only have one path in and out of school this is to ensure the safety of all in school. Only one parent to accompany your child to school.

## Please remember to.....

- Label all uniform / shoes/ coats clearly
- Make sure your child's indoor (sand) shoes/ slippers are in their school bag.
- Park along Ennerdale Road and not enter the school slip road/ staff carparks (*blue badge holders exempt*)
- Enquire at the office if you are interested in becoming a Parent Governor