

Welcome

Welcome to Lisbellaw Community Nursery. We hope that you and your child will have a very rewarding year with us.

You all received a Parent handbook in June. Please reread it as your child starts Nursery and keep it safe for ease of reference throughout the year. Thank you.

Communication between home and school

As explained in the handbook, children are dropped off with a member of staff in the mornings, as this has proved to be much easier on the children in the long run. If you need to give us important information, for example a change in pick-up arrangements, please put a message on your child's Seesaw, send Mrs Saunders an email or write a note and hand it over at the door, as spoken instructions can be easily forgotten in the busy arrival period. This is especially important in the first few weeks while we get to know new families. Please rest assured that our communication channels are still very much open for two-way communication.

Telephone/email

You are welcome to get in touch via the telephone number or email address on the back of this newsletter, or via Seesaw (see page 3). Starting Nursery is such an important time for you and your child, and if you have any concerns or just want to know how they are getting on, please free to get in touch. If it is an urgent matter, please telephone. Emails or Seesaw messages will be answered early morning or around lunchtime each day. We will call you if we need to but if you don't hear from us for a while, be happy that everything is going well for your child. Emails are likely to start soon so please check your junk folder as a new sender may be sent there!

School App

To ensure that our whole school community receives important communications from Mr Kilfedder, Principal of Lisbellaw Primary School and Community Nursery, please ensure that you have signed up

Little Bo-Peep

Little Bo-peep has lost her sheep,
And doesn't know where
to find them;
Leave them alone, and
they'll come home,
Wagging their tails behind
them

Baa Baa Black Sheep

Baa Baa Black Sheep
Have you any wool?
Yes sir, yes sir,
Three bags full.
One for the master,
One for the dame,
And one for the little boy
who lives down the lane.

Jack and Jill Went up the Hill

Jack and Jill went up the
hill
To fetch a pail of water;
Jack fell down and broke
his crown,
And Jill came tumbling
after.

Twinkle, twinkle Little Star

Twinkle, twinkle Little
Star,
How I wonder what you
are,
Up above the world so
high,
Like a diamond in the sky,
Twinkle, twinkle Little Star
How I wonder what you
are.



Insey Winsey Spider

Insey Winsey Spider
Climbed up the water
spout,
Down came the rain
And washed the spider
out.
Out came the sun shine
And dried up all the rain,
Insey Winsey Spider
Climbed up the spout
again.



Reminder about settling in period

- As you are aware the children are being settled in small groups during the month of September. All children will be in by the second week ending Friday 12th.
- At arrival time, please park in the layby outside the school grounds and come up the nursery path.
- Please collect the children at 11am until Friday September 19th. From Monday 22nd, when the children are here for the full morning, collection is between 11.45 and 11.55 am at the very latest. With caution you may come into the school grounds at collection time.
- We plan to have an information evening for parents on Tuesday October 7th at 7:30pm in the nursery for about an hour. This will be a general information session about the pre-school curriculum.
- Parent/teacher meetings will take place during the mornings of Wednesday 8th and Thursday 9th October between 8.30 and 12.30. This is an opportunity to share information about your child and to discuss how he/she has settled. You will receive an appointment in September, please express any preference for a day and or time before a timetable is made.
- The school holiday calendar is included in your parent handbook. A reminder that Monday September 29th is a staff training day and a holiday for the children.
- Please send £15 snack money on your child's first day, and thereafter on the **first school day of the month**. Snack money must **ALWAYS** be in an envelope marked with your child's name and the relevant month
- We would appreciate it if every child could bring in a named box of tissues.

Thank You

to the school app. You all received a letter in May/June regarding signing up for this. Even if you have a child in Primary School, a separate sign up is required for Nursery. Thank you.

SeeSaw App

The SeeSaw app will be used to keep you connected during the year and to send some photos of your child's time in Nursery. It will also be used for storing information about your child. Thank you to all those who have already set up Seesaw using the home learning code you received in May/June. If you've not done it yet, please follow the instructions on the sheet and you will be ready to get started. Thank you.

School Website

The school website is used to share photographs of activities in Nursery. A link will be sent via a SeeSaw message when new photographs are posted. The website will also serve as a means of communication for monthly newsletters (see below) and other information booklets. The website can be accessed at www.lisbellawprimary.co.uk. Please go to the relevant nursery section.

Newsletters

Each month we issue a newsletter to keep you up-to-date with what is happening in Nursery. We tell you about the theme we are following each month; colours we are focusing on; songs or rhymes for you to share with your child at home; and dates for your diary. Reference is always made in the newsletter to our monthly interest and colour tables. Your child is very welcome to contribute to this if you wish. Please clearly name any items which you send in so that they may be returned to you without confusion. You will receive a paper copy of the newsletter, but should you misplace it, it will also be on the website - a link will be sent via SeeSaw. These are normally sent/uploaded at the beginning of each month.



Theme for this month: **Friends and family**

Colour: **My favourite colour**

Whilst we do have a theme for this month, the overriding focus for teaching and learning will be helping the children to adapt to their new lifestyle and all that it involves e.g. getting to know staff, children and immediate environment; learning routines and developing an understanding of good hand and respiratory hygiene and safety. Hopefully the children will soon get used to the new adults in their lives!

Theme related activities will include:

- ◆ Looking at family photos and talking about family members
- ◆ Talking about what having and being a friend means - sitting together quietly, sharing and talking as we play, smiling at each other, laughing together, reading a book together, being cross with each other and making up!
- ◆ Talking about our friends outside of school and our new friends in school-we are all friends in Nursery!
- ◆ Posing for photos with our new friends
- ◆ Various circle games to get to know each other's names
- ◆ Investigating and showing an interest in various activities and equipment.



How you can help us this month:

There are just two things we would like you to do to help us this month:

- ◆ Normally in September we ask the children to bring in a family photo. This is a lovely way to **connect** home and Nursery in your child's first few weeks, and it gives us a conversation point especially for quieter children. Please send in a photograph as soon as possible. Please give it to Mrs Saunders in the morning. A tray will be provided. The photograph should include your Nursery child and at least one, if not all members of your immediate or extended family. If you had an older child with us last year we returned the photo in their folder. It will be fine to send this again unless you want to update it. Thank you.
- ◆ The back of this newsletter normally includes some songs we would like the children to learn. For this month, while they are finding their feet, we will be concentrating on some simple nursery rhymes/songs which they may already know, thus allowing them to join in if they want to. These will include Humpty Dumpty; Baa Baa Black Sheep; Insey Winsey Spider; Hickory, Dickory Dock; Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star; Heads, Shoulders, Knees and Toes. Some of these are printed on page 7 in case you have forgotten!

