



## Little Learners Newsletter 24<sup>th</sup> March 2017



We would like to extend our warm welcome to even more families and their Little Learners who have joined us over the last week or two. It's great to see the friendships developing and makes us really proud to see how our older children are helping the new children settle. We thank you for your patience and understanding as we follow our drop off and collection procedures at the office after 8.45am and 1.15pm. It has really benefitted the children working in the learning street as the disturbance to their learning is minimised. We are pleased that most families are accessing Tapestry now and are able to stay up to date with their Little Learners progress. If you are still having any difficulty at all or would like to add another user to your child's account please do drop us an email or pop to the school office and we can help you set up your access.

### Fortnightly newsletter

If you have a child within school; you will already be familiar with their newsletter which is issued fortnightly. We are going to introduce the same frequency to Nursery. This means that from Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March we will switch to a fortnightly newsletter from Nursery; which will still be emailed to you and available on the website.

### Red Nose Day

We were pleased to see lots of children with Red Noses today. They enjoyed comparing the different styles and challenged each other to see who could keep their nose on whilst running races! Although we weren't fund raising ourselves; we talked about why Red Nose Day happens and how we can recognise the importance of helping other who may be less fortunate than ourselves.



### Sainsbury's Kids Vouchers

Right now we're in the voucher collection phase of Active Kids 2017. From 25 January to 2 May 2017, parents and the community can collect vouchers when shopping at Sainsbury's stores and petrol stations (where you can collect double), and then drop them into one of the collection boxes in the foyers at both of our campuses. Once all vouchers have been collected, we can exchange them for brand new sports and cooking equipment.

### Illness

Due to the increase in outbreaks of respiratory/flu-like illness and scarlet fever in schools we would like to share basic guidance on infection control:

- **Simple hygiene kills germs**

Hand washing is essential. It is really important to encourage children to do this. Use warm soapy water and disposable paper towels.

Further information about germs and hand washing is available at: <http://www.e-bug.eu/>. It contains games and other information to help children learn how to prevent the spread of germs.

- **When can a child return to school/Nursery?**

When a child is free of the symptoms of a flu-like illness they can return to school. This is usually about one week after the symptoms start. We understand how difficult this can be for parents with work commitments and childcare but this will help reduce on going transmission of the infection.

- **Symptoms of scarlet fever**

Scarlet fever is a common childhood infection caused by the bacteria streptococcus pyogenes, or group A streptococcus (GAS). The early symptoms of scarlet fever include sore throat, headache, fever, nausea and vomiting. After 12 to 48 hours the characteristic red, pinhead rash develops, typically first appearing on the chest and stomach, then rapidly spreading to other parts of the body. Although scarlet fever is usually a mild illness, patients can develop complications.

- **Infection control advice**

Children and adults with suspected scarlet fever should **not** come to nursery/school/work. They may return if they are feeling better but only **24 hours** after commencement of antibiotics. The antibiotic course for a scarlet fever infection is 10 days and it is important that the full course of antibiotics is completed, even if the patient has started to feel better. Good hygiene practice such as hand washing remains the most important step in preventing and controlling the spread of infection.

### Starting school

During the Summer we will be saying goodbye to our 4 year olds as they leave to continue their learning journeys at school. We are planning various different events for our children during June, July and August. It would really help us (if you know already) to know when your child will be finishing Nursery. Please remember that your child's Early Education Funding will still be accessible during the Summer until 31<sup>st</sup> August 2017.

Please email us at [littlelearners@stannesprimaryschool.co.uk](mailto:littlelearners@stannesprimaryschool.co.uk) to confirm when you would like your child to finish Nursery. If you are unsure, please do speak to a member of the Nursery Crew.

### Drinks bottles

Please can we stress the importance of providing your child with a **NAMED** drink bottle for them to access during the session. During snack and meal times we provide the children with a drink of water or milk but it is important that they have a drink for other times during the day. NK Sports have a variety of coloured drinks bottles available for just £2.25.



### Open Day

We will be having an Open Day on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> April 2017 aimed at new families requiring a Nursery place. If you know someone who may be interested in a place, please ask them to contact us for an appointment. Ask them to mention you when booking a place and you will receive a free half day for your Little Learner through our recommend a friend scheme.