



# Spring 2016 Newsletter



A Happy New Year to everyone and a special welcome to all new pupils and parents joining Bayonne this term. We hope you will enjoy your time at Bayonne.

We have a busy half term planned with lots of great learning opportunities both inside and outside of school. The topic this half term is "Settling" which includes focusing on the children's personal, social and emotional needs. The older children will have a big role to play in this by being good role models and showing the new children all of the exciting things that we do at nursery.

As well as this our topic this term will be around the area of pattern and number when we will be looking closely at animal patterns and patterns in the environment. There are also lots of things happening this term that lend themselves to this topic. The children will be making pancakes for Shrove Tuesday and therefore following the pattern of a recipe. We also have Chinese New Year and the children will be looking at pattern through origami. Burns night is also coming up and we will be busy exploring pattern through music and dance, in particular Ceilidh dancing. Please look at our planning board in reception for more details.

Please let us know if you would like to come in and help in any way.

## SPRING TERM DAIRY DATES:

- Every Monday AM – Football Skills with FFC
- Every Thursday PM – Yoga with YogaBugs
- 26<sup>th</sup> January – Maths Workshop – By Invitation
- 8<sup>th</sup> February – Chinese New Year
- 10<sup>th</sup> February – Trip to the Recycling Centre
- 15<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> February – Half Term Holiday**
- 22<sup>nd</sup> February - School Closed for Staff Training**
- 3<sup>rd</sup> March – World Book Day
- 18<sup>th</sup> March – Sports Relief



## WORLD BOOK DAY

Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> March is World Book Day. Children can come to school dressed as their favourite book character.

All children will receive a £1 book token which they either use to buy a World Book Day book or get £1 off any book that costs £2.99 or more.



## Observation Sheets:

Please continue to complete and return observation sheets. The children really enjoy reading and sharing them. They also provide useful information for your child's profile. Please take an observation sheet whenever you want to share an exciting or interesting activity for your child.

## Sport Relief

Friday 18<sup>th</sup> March is Sports Relief. The Children can come to school dressed in their sports clothing and they will complete an obstacle course in the garden. sponsorship forms will be sent home nearer the time.



## Developing your child's Language Workshop

We are holding a free workshop for parents at Bayonne on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> February 1.45-2.45pm on developing your child's language. The workshop trainer is Helen Redwood,

## Educational Psychologist Visit

Do you have any concerns regarding your child that you would you like to speak to an educational Psychologist about? Tom Lloyd EP will be visiting Bayonne on the morning of Friday 26<sup>th</sup> February, if you would like to book a 30 minute appointment please speak to Louise at reception.

**Please do not use your mobile devices on the school premises, this is school policy and is in line with regulations regarding safeguarding of children.**



### **Parent Governor Vacancy**

We have one parent governor vacancy on the Bayonne & James Lee governing body. Letters have been sent home this week with nomination forms. There will be a meeting on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> February at 9.30.am at Bayonne & James Lee if you would like to find out more about the role.

### **Spare Clothes**

Could you please check at home for any nursery spare clothes as we seem to have quite a few items missing? If you are having a clear out at home and have any children's clothes that you no longer require we would be happy to receive them.



### **Scooters, Bikes and Buggies:**

Please place scooters in the scooter racks as neatly as possible. It is a good idea to write your child's name clearly on their scooter. Bikes can also be stored with the scooters. If your child comes to nursery in a buggy/pram please take this back home with you as we have very little place to store them. Thank You.



### **Children's Centre:**

We run two Stay & Play Sessions in the Children's Centre on Monday and Tuesday afternoons from 1.30 – 3.30pm.

These sessions run in term time and during most of the school holidays.

Families with children under five are very welcome to come along and join these sessions.



An important part of the EYFS curriculum is for children to explore and learn through play.

This means that children will be involved in many different and **often messy** sensory experiences.

Bearing this in mind please ensure children are suitable dressed in clothes that can get messy and that your child can manage independently e.g trousers or joggers with elasticated waists and shoes with Velcro fastenings, etc.

If your child comes home in nursery clothes please ensure the clothes are washed and returned as soon as possible.

Please remember to check your child's change of clothes bag **at the end of each day** to see if it needs topping up and **please label you child's clothing.**



### **Fruit for snack:**

There is a basket on the reception desk to receive donations of fruit and vegetables.

Thank you



### **Voluntary Fund:**

Please remember to bring in your voluntary contribution of £1 on Monday mornings. This goes towards cooking ingredients, theatre groups, visits, corn flour, playdough and food colouring for the water play, etc.



### **Plastic Carrier Bags**

The classroom staff need carrier bags for the children's wet/messy clothes, Please check if you have any tucked into drawers or shoved into the back of cupboards that you could donate to us.



### **Tissues**

Please bring in a box of tissues for use in the classrooms. We have lots of runny noses at this time of year!



**Spring Half Term Holiday - Monday 15<sup>th</sup> – Friday 19<sup>th</sup> February 2016**  
**School Closed for Staff Training – Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2016**  
**Last Day of Spring Term is Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> March 2016**  
**Children return to school on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> April 2016**