Bags

We have provided your child with a green PE bag. Please could they use this only for their spare clothes. Could water bottles be brought in their hand and we will teach them to put them on the shelf.

Parent Contact

If you need to inform your child's class teacher of any appointments or small matters, please do so when you bring your child to school in the morning, or collect your child at the end of the day. If you do not bring or collect your child, please phone the office and leave a message or send a note with your child. If you wish to talk to your child's class teacher for more than a couple of minutes, please make an appointment to meet with her at a more convenient time for you both. You will be able to discuss your child's academic progress more formally at in the Autumn and Spring terms and you will also receive information via Tapestry and an end of year written report.
We will keep you up to date with our events through half termly Newsletters, Tapestry, and Teachers2Parents emails and texts. Alternatively you may like to visit our website on **www.westend.northumberland.sch.uk** If at any time you have any concerns about your child or questions about his/her school life, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Holidays

If, for any exceptional circumstances, you are planning a holiday during term time please complete a holiday request form (available from the office) and return it to school as soon as possible. This allows us to know where the child is in line with safeguarding regulations.

Changes of Sessions

Changes to any sessions must be made in advance by Mrs Markham-Lee via the main school office on 822328. This will ensure correct staff to child ratios. Also any enquires need to be made via the school office on the above number.

Welcome to Apple Class With

Miss Porter, Mrs Hinson, Mrs Graham and Mrs Graham



In Nursery we will be learning through play in the following 7 Areas. Three Prime areas (our main focus) and four specific areas -

Personal, Social and Emotional Development
Communication and Language
Physical Development

The above three areas are the focus for all learning in the Nursery.

Literacy
Mathematics
Understanding of the World
Expressive Arts and Design

These will be covered through the following blocks of learning -
Autumn 1 - **Ourselves and People Who Help Us** The school photographer comes in November
Autumn 2 - **Owl Babies, Light and Dark**
Autumn 2 - **Christmas**
Spring 1 - **Winter**
Spring 1 - **Traditional tales - Goldilocks and The Three Bears**
Spring 2 - **Themed Writing Week (whole school theme)**
Spring 2 - **Jaspers Beanstalk, Spring and Easter**
Summer 1 - **Dear Zoo**
Summer 1- **Handa's Surprise**
Summer 2 - Going On A Bear Hunt
Summer 2 - Changes and Transitions
This topic includes a Teddy Bear's Picnic
(individual trips may change as a result of the Covid 19 situation))

In Literacy we will be working on recognising our names
Copying patterns, hearing the sound at the start of our names

In Mathematics we will be learning to count, recognise numbers and shapes in addition to making patterns.
We will also be following the interests of the children, which may mean the planning we make available changes at short notice.

Clothing
Please label every item of clothing with your child's name.

Lunch
Lunch needs to be ordered in advance online for the children in Nursery and is only available for those children accessing a full day in Nursery. Please contact Mrs Markham-Lee in the office for details.
Alternatively your child may bring a packed lunch. Please could you name the box/bag.

Water Bottles
We have provided the children with a water bottle or they may bring their own if you wish. Please could they only bring water in the bottle in line with the school policy.

Learning Journals
We will be building an on-line Learning Journal (via Tapestry) with your child over the course of the year, which will include examples of learning in school, such as photos and short video clips, along with making some assessments so you can see your child's progress. We hope you will be able to share some of your child's learning at home with us too or comment on their learning so we can get a picture of the child at home and in school. There is the opportunity for you to download this as a PDF file at the end of the Reception year to keep. We may also send messages to you in this way. If you should need any further support to set this up please see a member of staff.

Homework
In Nursery we don't give the children homework as such, but we may provide practical activities during the holidays, which you may like to do with them. These will be shared via Tapestry.
We may also suggest activities to move your child's learning on within their Tapestry observations.