**Newsletter – 22.09.17**

**This Week**

This week the children have been learning about spiders. They have been moving paper spiders around a web using magnets, weaving a spider web outside, creating spider web pictures and reading non-fiction books about spiders.

The children started Forest School sessions this week. The children have been learning about Forest School rules and how to keep safe. Thank you to all the parents who attended the introductory sessions and our parent governor Kirsten Knight.

Some children have also been participating in Tatty Bumpkin and Dough Disco. For more information about Tatty Bumpkin, Dough Disco and Forest School, please visit our school website [www.ightenhill-nur.lancs.sch.uk](http://www.ightenhill-nur.lancs.sch.uk)

**Reminder**

Please bring in a family photo. We will photocopy the photograph and send home the orginal.

**Next Week**

Next week we will be learning about Autumn.

**Attendance**

Good attendance at Nursery is vital in order for your child to reach their full potential. If they do not attend Nursery regularly, they miss out on important learning and development. Good attendance also:

* Supports your child getting into a good routine ready for starting school.
* Develops self-esteem as your child is familiar with routines etc.
* Helps children to separate from parents/carers.
* Develops relationships/ friendships.

The minimum attendance level that is expected of all primary aged children nationally is 95%. The nursery school will seek to achieve this level of attendance in order to promote future attendance patterns. If attendance falls below 80%, Mrs. Whitehead will meet with parents to create an action plan to improve attendance which will be reviewed regularly until attendance improves.

Children with good attendance will receive certificates at the end of each half term. Each group’s attendance will be displayed in the nursery corridor and the winning group will receive a certificate. We are also introducing ‘Star Attenders’. We will display the children who had 100% attendance for the week and the children will get a special sticker.

We will also send letters to parents each half term to show your child’s current attendance using the traffic light system: Green = good attendance, Yellow = Below expected attendance, red = significantly below expected attendance.

Please ensure that your child attends nursery when they are well in order to help us ensure that your child reaches their full potential ready for starting Primary School. We understand some absences are unavoidable and we do not want children coming to nursery when they are ill.

Attendance Winners last week were the Caterpillars with a fantastic 97%!

2nd – Ducklings: 91%,

3rd – Butterflies: 89%

4th Ladybirds: 87%.

**Please read the advice from the NHS website on the reverse of this letter:**

**Is my child too ill for school?**

**When your child is unwell, it can be hard deciding whether to keep them off school. These simple guidelines should help.**

Not every illness needs to keep your child from school. **If you keep your child away from school, be sure to inform the school on the first day of their absence.**

Use common sense when deciding whether or not your child is too ill to attend school. Ask yourself the following questions.

* Is my child well enough to do the activities of the school day? If not, keep your child at home.
* Does my child have a condition that could be passed on to other children or school staff? If so, keep your child at home.
* Would I take a day off work if I had this condition? If so, keep your child at home.

**Common conditions**

If your child is ill, it's likely to be due to one of a few minor health conditions.

Whether you send your child to school will depend on how severe you think the illness is. Use this guidance to help you make that judgement.

Remember: if you're concerned about your child’s health, consult a health professional.

* **Cough and cold**. A child with a minor cough or cold may attend school. If the cold is accompanied by a raised temperature, shivers or drowsiness, the child should stay off school, visit the GP and return to school 24 hours after they start to feel better. If your child has a more severe and long-lasting cough, consult your GP. They can give guidance on whether your child should stay off school.
* **Raised temperature**. If your child has a raised temperature, they shouldn't attend school. They can return 24 hours after they start to feel better.
* **Rash**. Skin rashes can be the first sign of many infectious illnesses, such as chickenpox and measles. Children with these conditions shouldn't attend school. If your child has a rash, check with your GP or practice nurse before sending them to school.
* **Headache**. A child with a minor headache doesn't usually need to be kept off school. If the headache is more severe or is accompanied by other symptoms, such as raised temperature or drowsiness, then keep the child off school and consult your GP.
* **Vomiting and diarrhoea**. Children with diarrhoea and/or vomiting should definitely be kept off school until at least 48 hours after their symptoms have gone. Most cases of [diarrhoea and vomiting in children](http://www.nhs.uk/Conditions/Rotavirus-gastroenteritis/Pages/Introduction-OLD.aspx) get better without treatment, but if symptoms persist, consult your GP.
* **Sore throat**. A sore throat alone doesn't have to keep a child from school. But if it's accompanied by a raised temperature, your child should stay at home.
* **Chickenpox**. If your child has chickenpox, keep them off school until all their spots have crusted over.

**Therefore, if children have had sickness or diarrhoea, they need to stay off nursery for 48 hours after their symptoms have gone.**

**Thank you for your continued support**