

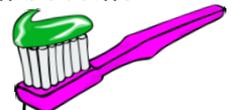
## Struthers Early Years Centre Session 2017-18 Bulletin 4

### Learning

The children are often remembering to tidy away the toys when finished and have been showing great listening skills at together times. They have enjoyed lots of songs and stories about starting nursery and our feelings. The children visited gym for the first time and we learned about using our 'space bubbles' to stay safe.

Thank you to those who have brought in All About Me books these were lovely to share and the children were so proud of them! There is still time to bring one in if you have not already.

This week we will encourage turn taking through games in our numeracy area and at together times. Theresa Kerr from childsmile will be visiting on Thursday to deliver our new toothbrushes. Each brush has a picture to help your child identify it and we will talk about this and play some games to help them become familiar with their brush.



We will have a run through of **fire drill procedures** during the Wednesday session - there will be no alarm but this will prepare children for the planned drill on Thursday morning. We understand this might be a bit frightening for our new children and you may wish to discuss this with them in advance - we will have plenty of chat about it beforehand to help prepare them.



### Personal Plan Appointments

We would like to invite you to attend an appointment to discuss your child's personal plan. The dates for the appointments will be Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> September (also our first Stay n Play) and Friday 8<sup>th</sup> September. A letter will be issued shortly giving options of time allocations. If for any reason you, or a member of your family, cannot attend please let us know and we will do our best to accommodate you.

## Dates for the Diary

There is an error in our 'Dates for the Diary' sheet that you will have found in your welcome pack. Children will return to school on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> October after the break, Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> is an in service day. This also impacts on the planned Stay n Play which has been moved to **Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> October** I have amended this error and will be issuing the new dates with this bulletin (also available on the school website). Apologies for any inconvenience caused.



## Supporting Learning

### Health & Wellbeing & Literacy

We are encouraging good listening skills. Developing good listening skills supports your child's ability to communicate and socialise with others as well as supporting their early reading development as they recognise sounds around them. In our setting children must stop and listen when they hear the drum or gong in the playroom. On the carpet we ask children to sit with their legs crossed (unless agreed otherwise) and ask them to let their fingers cuddle into a basket. We have been talking about why it is important to look at the person who is talking and not to interrupt. You could talk about these things with your child to help remind them and to show you also value the importance of good listening. We will be playing lots of games to help develop your child's listening skills, these will involve listening for an instruction (clap, jump, spin etc.) or they may have to copy sounds/given actions or identify instruments that they have heard with closed eyes. You could try similar games at home. Here is a link to an online listening game where children have to identify the correct object making the sound:

[http://www.lancsngfl.ac.uk/curriculum/literacy/lit\\_site/html/earlyyears/sound\\_games/soundgames.htm](http://www.lancsngfl.ac.uk/curriculum/literacy/lit_site/html/earlyyears/sound_games/soundgames.htm)

**Head Teacher Welcome** It has been lovely seeing all our returning faces and new faces since our return. They are settling in and getting to know their new teachers and friends. I have enjoyed catching up with you and getting to know you and look forward to building that partnership of the year. We are so proud of our school and delighted that you are part of it. Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Houston.