



DEAR PARENTS

1st NOVEMBER 2018

Dear Parents,

You can find our Dear Parents letter on our indoor and outdoor noticeboard and also under the Nursery tab on our website: www.polegateschool.co.uk. We will be sending our letters out via email in the near future unless you request a paper copy.

We have had a smashing start to the new term with lots of spooky fun and the children have loved reading 'Room on the Broom'. We are looking forward to exploring nighttime, nocturnal animals and of course Christmas.

Wows

Attached are labels for you to share with us when your child does something you are really proud of. For example being kind, using brilliant language when talking, learning to riding a bike. Jot it on a sticker and encourage your child to wear it proudly to nursery where we will celebrate it and add to our star board. Spare sticker labels are in the foyer.

Dummies

We would encourage as many of you as possible to use the festive season to say goodbye/start weaning your child off the dummy e.g. through Elf on the shelf, a present to fairies or gift swap with Santa. Once they are talking it is important that they don't have their dummy in their mouth because it makes it difficult for them to make the speech sounds correctly. Instead it increases their use of making sounds from the back of their mouth. e.g. saying 'Gog for dog.' It can also affect the development of the mouth muscles leading to slushy speech in the future.

Weather

Please make sure your child has appropriate outer wear for the weather e.g. thicker coats on colder days. Please make sure **EVERYTHING IS NAMED**.

Home Bumps

Can you make sure you fill in a home bumps form if your child is hurt outside nursery. It doesn't take long and prevents confusion when the children shares the injuries but are muddled as to where it happened. We especially need to know about bumps as we need to monitor for delayed concussion.

Parents Evening

We are looking forward to seeing you next week and sharing with you the wonderful things your child is doing. Please feel free to sign up on the list if you haven't already done so.

**Many thanks for your continued support.
Love from the Nursery Team**