



# NURSERY NEWS



## The Nursery Team

We extend a very warm welcome to all our nursery parents and carers. It is great to see our returning children settling back into nursery life so well. We are really looking forward to getting to know all our new children, parents and carers and working in partnership with you. The full time members of the nursery team this year are;

**Miss Lorna McDonald** - class teacher

**Mrs Hilary Bolda** - nursery nurse

**Mrs Isobel Buckley** - nursery nurse

**Miss Laura Forbes** - nursery nurse

**Mrs Margaret Ross** - nursery nurse

**Mrs Gail Watson** - nursery nurse

Please don't hesitate to approach a member of staff if you have any questions.

## Start of the Day



Initially, you may be anxious about your child settling, please be assured, our staff will help and support the children with this. As your child becomes more settled we ask that you say goodbye

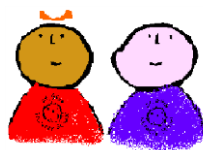
in the cloakroom area which will help develop the children's independence and confidence.

In the interest of safety we also request **that school children remain in the cloakroom area and do not enter the nursery** when you are dropping off or collecting nursery children.

## End of the Day

To ensure the safety of all our children it is vital that the nursery door is secure at all times. A member of nursery staff will always be stationed at the door at pick up and drop off times when the door is open. It is therefore important that parents and carers adhere to the nursery times and enter and leave the nursery at the allocated times.

## Nursery Sweatshirts



We have a range of nursery sweatshirts which are available for purchase if you wish your child to have one. Please remember that nursery is a place for great exploration and this can get messy! It is best not to wear your 'good' clothes.

We use our outdoor area every day so please remember to bring a coat to nursery and be ready for all weather.

## Snack



Snack money is £1 per week. Please pay the member of staff on snack duty in the kitchen area. Snack time is a valuable learning experience for the children as it allows them to experience a wide range of tasty, healthy food as well as developing their culinary skills! Each week a different group of children will be responsible for putting together the snack menu.

## Parent/Carer Consultations

Parent consultations are held twice a year, October & March. Staff will meet with parents of **preschool** children in October and March. Parents of **ante preschool** children will be invited to attend the consultations in March. If there is anything you would like to discuss with the nursery teacher in the meantime please do not hesitate to make an appointment.

## Curriculum Evening

We invite you to come along to our 'Meet the Team' evening on **Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> September** where you will have the opportunity to get to know the nursery staff and hear about our approaches to Curriculum for Excellence and the learning and teaching undertaken in the nursery. Please pop the date in your diary.

## Curriculum Themes

Our themes and learning focus for the first few weeks of nursery will be - I'm at Nursery - this focus will develop the children's confidence, independence and resilience as they learn the routines of the nursery and how to care for themselves and the nursery resources.

Our intended learning for literacy and numeracy is outlined in our curriculum newsletter which we will be sending home shortly.

## Junk



We make a very good recycling point for all your boxes and containers as our children enjoy making models at the gluing table, allowing them to creatively

explore technology and problem solving, so if you can contribute your junk we would very much appreciate it.

## General Information

Please hand in gym shoes if you have not already done so. After all our children are settled into nursery we will be starting our gym sessions in the school gym hall.

We ask that your child does not bring toys to nursery as they can become lost or damaged and this can cause distress.



We also ask that you do not leave your dogs unattended outside the nursery.

Prams can be left inside the main nursery entrance; unfortunately, we are unable to have prams in the nursery for safety reasons.

## Keeping You Informed

We strive to keep parents and carers fully informed of what is happening in the nursery. We do this in a variety of ways: monthly newsletters, curriculum newsletters, the nursery

blog, nursery notice board and flyers etc.

It is important to read this information to ensure you are aware of all key dates and events. We try to inform you as far in advance as we can.



## Diary Dates

**Mon 4<sup>th</sup> September**  
PTA AGM 6.30pm

**Tues 12<sup>th</sup> September**  
Curriculum evening 6pm  
- 7pm for nursery  
7pm - 8pm for P1-P3

**Fri 15<sup>th</sup> September**  
Holiday

**Mon 18<sup>th</sup> September**  
Holiday

**Tues 10<sup>th</sup> + Thurs 12<sup>th</sup> October**  
Parental consultations (pre-school children). We will be offering consultations through the day on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> as we now have one teacher in the nursery.

**Mon 16<sup>th</sup> - Mon 23<sup>rd</sup> October**  
Holiday

**Mon 23<sup>rd</sup> October**  
In-service day

**Tues 24<sup>th</sup> October**  
Pupils resume

