



## Whitecraig Nursery Newsletter

December 2021

Thank you to all our families who took part in our telephone consultations. Staff have sent out a short consultation questionnaire and we appreciate everyone's feedback about different ways we can report to ensure we keep you up to date with your child's current successes, achievements and next steps.

**The questionnaire is still accepting responses and we will send out reminders in the event you have misplaced the link. Please check your junk folder.**

### Nursery News

We would like to introduce our Centre Manager, Maggie Tait who has joined the Whitecraig Nursery team.



I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself to all the families at Whitecraig.

My name is Maggie Tait and I am the Early Years Childcare Cluster Manager for Wallyford and the Musselburgh cluster.

My role within the Whitecraig community is to help and support the nursery, especially during non-term time. I will become a familiar face within the nursery as I get to know all the children, parent/carers and staff.

### School Enrolment

Online Enrolment for P1 pupils due to start August 2022 have now closed. If your child is due to start school in August 2022 and you haven't yet completed the enrolment please contact the School Placement Team on [schoolplacements@eastlothian.gov.uk](mailto:schoolplacements@eastlothian.gov.uk) who will be able to assist.

If you are having any difficulties with the system please speak with a member of staff.

### Play, Talk, Read Bus

Bonnie the Play, Talk, Read Bus is coming to Whitecraig - Tuesday and Wednesday, 30<sup>th</sup> Nov & 1<sup>st</sup> Dec

We would like to invite you and your little one aged 0 - 4 to a 40 minute pre-bookable session of fun with our fabulous playworkers, at Whitecraig Primary School, 44A Whitecraig Cres, Whitecraig, Musselburgh EH21 8NG.

During the session you and your little one will be able to join in with messy play activities, arts and crafts and some songs and rhymes. Tickets are free and can be booked through Eventbrite using the links that were given on the flyer provided by staff. If you are having difficulty booking please speak with a member of the nursery team and we can book a place.

Each ticket admits one family, and have limited availability.



### Children's Learning

The school website is updated each week to show our families the children's learning. The website link is [www.edubuzz.org/whitecraig/](http://www.edubuzz.org/whitecraig/)

## Weather / Clothing

With the increase in nursery hours and our staff and children spending increased time outdoors, East Lothian Council have provided both staff and children with new Outdoor Clothing to be used during the nursery day.

Staff have new waterproof, warm fleece lined jackets as well as waterproof trousers and Welly boots. Our children have warm, waterproof dungarees, fleeces, waterproof jackets and welly boots.

As the weather changes please ensure your child is dressed appropriately for the weather. We would like to remind you that children can access the outdoor areas all day and in all weathers so please dress your child in old clothes that you don't mind getting messy. We would appreciate if you could provide hats, scarves and gloves and an extra jumper / cardigan.

**Can we ask that spare clothing in nursery bags are replenished with warmer items of clothing.**



## Infant Nativity

Nursery - P3 are planning an infant Christmas Nativity - The Little Blue Star. The Nursery are participating in the nativity singing a few songs and being involved in a few of the scenes. We will be busy learning songs, making props and working with the school to film. The link will be available to watch mid-December. We will keep everyone up to date.

Can all children come dressed wearing black on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> December and Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> December 2021 as these are the dates we will be filming.

## Contacting Nursery

If there are changes in circumstances about who will be collecting your child from nursery or absences. In the first instance, you can contact the school office on 0131 665 3278 between 9-3. Out of school hours you can telephone the school line, pressing option 4 which will direct you to the nursery where you can speak with a member of the nursery staff team.

## Dates for the session ahead

### December 2021

6<sup>th</sup> December - Filming Christmas Nativity for Monday / Tuesday group. Children to wear all black, if possible.

7<sup>th</sup> December - Christmas Lunch for Monday / Tuesday group

8<sup>th</sup> December - Christmas Lunch for Whole School.

*Filming Christmas Nativity for Wednesday/ Thursday group. Children to wear all black, if possible.*

14<sup>th</sup> December - Christmas Party day for Mon/ Tues group

16<sup>th</sup> December - Christmas Party day for Wed/ Thurs group

21<sup>st</sup> December - Last Day of Term

January 2022

5<sup>th</sup> - All return