



CALSIDE NURSERY NEWSLETTER

January 2024



to term three. A big welcome back to all our children, who are settling back into the nursery routines and a big warm welcome to our eight new children who have joined our nursery family.

Primary School Enrolments ...

I shall be handing out the **school enrolment forms** this week. Please take note of the following information so that you know where to take your forms.

- If your catchment school is Calside and you want your child to come to Calside School, please fill in the "catchment application form" and hand it in to the school office. You do not need birth certificate or proof of address as your child is already in the school system as they attend Nursery.
- If you are not going to attend your catchment school, you must take your "Pupil Placing Request form" to your catchment school, on this form you will indicate which school you wish to attend. You will need to take along your child's birth certificate and proof of address.
- If you are attending your catchment school and it is not Calside, please take along the "Catchment Application" form and hand it in to your school with proof of address and your child's birth certificate.

If anyone is unsure of what to do please just ask!

Nursery Enrolments ...

The dates for Nursery Enrolment are 29th January until 2nd February. Please make sure that forms are handed back in no later than the 2nd Feb.

- If your child is returning to nursery for a second year, I have put an ELC2 form within your child's mail docket. Please fill this in and you can return this to me as soon as you like.
- If you are deferring your child from P1 this year or are thinking about it and are considering another year in nursery, please make sure that you fill out the ELC2 form also.
- If you have another child/sibling coming to nursery for the first time you will need to fill in an ELC1 form, you should be receiving a letter from the council about enrolment. When you fill in this form you must also bring along with you proof of address and your child's birth certificate.
- If you know of anyone who is looking for a place in nursery, why not say to them to contact us and come and have a look around the nursery setting.



We need your junk ... can I ask a favour please, can you encourage the children to raid your wheelie bins and bring in a variety of junk modelling materials for the craft area?

Also, do you have any old bits of jewellery, small mirrors or any time related equipment (such as clocks, watches, sand timers, stop watches), or anything you think we might could use in nursery to enhance or role play area, it is a great time of year for clearing out.



The World of Work ... We are looking for volunteers to come in and talk to the children about the jobs they do ... who can help us? This is not as scary as you think ... we would just like you to explain to the children what you do in your job, what you do to help others and if you have a uniform, you could either wear it or bring it along and any bits of equipment that you could show the children. It would only be for about 20 minutes and we shall be with you to help during the chat.

Please say to Mrs. Douglas if you can come in and do this for the children, so that we can pencil a date in the diary.

Nursery Experiences ... Our learning for this term is just beginning and so far there has been some chat and play around pirates, children have been pretending to be vets, police and doctors and with today's lovely snow fall the children have made some great snowmen.

Some of the areas we shall be covering over the next few weeks are:

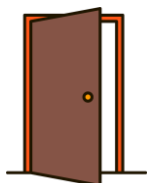
- ✚ Time: Talking about what we do in our days, Seasons, Days of Week etc.
- ✚ Festivals: Robert Burns / Chinese New Year / Pancake Day
- ✚ People Who Help Us

UPDATING INFORMATION

Please remember to let us know if you or any of your emergency contacts have changed your phone number or you have moved house, this is very important so that we have the proper contact details in the system. I you can hand back in your data forms as soon as possible that would be much appreciated.

SOME REMINDERS ...

- ✚ Please can you put your child's name on **everything**, we have 40 children within nursery now and it is increasingly difficult to keep on top of all their clothing, shoes, water bottles etc., when very little is named. We try very hard to make sure that the children have all their clothes etc., in their bags and on their pegs but the children will go into these areas through the day and pull things out, which is great as they are being independent, but also not helpful when we cannot find that missing hat, coat, gloves or water bottle.
- ✚ Please can you also check your child's welly boots still fit them and an extra pair of socks would be handy in this cold weather to keep their wee toes warm.
- ✚ In nursery we have a policy of "NO JUICE" please can I ask that you do not fill your children's water bottles with juice.
- ✚ Lastly, our aim is to always encourage independence within your children, which includes being able to get their shoes on and off themselves. Laces are not helpful in this situation; please can I ask that you think about this when sending your child to nursery in the morning.



Please remember our door is always open, if you have any concerns, about anything within nursery, please come in and speak to Mrs. Douglas right away.

MID TERM BREAK: We are closed Monday 12th February to Wednesday 14th February, re-opening for children on Thursday 15th February at 8.30/9.00 am.