Nursery News Update 10.2.17

Holiday and In-service Training: The Nursery is closed Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. We re-open on Thursday 16th February.

Outdoor Clothing: It has been quite cold again recently. We would appreciate if you could ensure that children come to Nursery with the following items <u>every day</u>. Remember on Monday PM and Thursday AM, we can be outside for most of the session and it is especially important that they have extra warm clothes on these days.



Waterproof and warm jacket



Extra layers for warmth (keep in yellow bag)



Scarf and gloves (keep in child's tray)



Extra socks in case they get wet outside



Warm outdoor shoes



Clothing suitable for the weather

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Staffing: Miss Wedge has been appointed as our Early Years Support Assistant on a temporary basis until the summer holidays while Mrs Townsend works as our PM Nursery Nurse over this same time period. Mrs Hopkins and Mrs Mitra have been appointed on a temporary basis as Learning Assistants (Additional Support for Learning) within the Nursery AM sessions. We currently have 2 students studying Early Learning and Childcare from Dumfries and Galloway College (Miss Kendall and Mrs McCaskie) and we have a teaching student from the University of Glasgow (Miss Barker) on Fridays for the next 4 weeks.

Toys: We would be grateful if you could avoid bringing toys to Nursery as it is currently causing upset for some children who bring their toys and lose them. Children can also become quite upset if other children try to play with their toys.

<u>Comfort Toys:</u> If children need to bring a toy as a comforter, please leave this in their yellow bag and let a member of staff know that it is there.

<u>Special toys for show and tell:</u> Any toys for show and tell need to be handed to a member of staff and they should not be kept in the child's tray. We would suggest that toys should only be brought in once for show and tell and should be a special item.

Special Achievements: Certificates are available next to the signing in book. We encourage children to share their achievements or activities they have been involved in at show and tell times. Please hand a certificate to a member of staff and we will complete this for you and present it to your child. Examples of achievements may include: staying in bed all night, independent personal care, medals for dancing, progress in their learning or taking part in a club or activity.

We are always happy to chat with parents about any comments, questions or ideas. Please do not hesitate to contact us at any time.

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