

Dalbeattie Nursery Newsletter 5th March 2013

Holidays

The last day of this term will be Thursday 28th March. The children will return to Nursery on Monday 15th April.

Book Day: Thursday 7th March

Optional: Your child can dress up on Thursday for world book day. I apologise for the short notice regarding this. The book tokens have already been distributed.

Planning

Thanks for your feedback on the term plan sheets. Most parents would like these to be sent home every term; therefore, we will continue to do this. Thanks for your feedback!

'Shapes'

We have been learning about a range of shapes in Nursery. We have been exploring basic shapes through more complex activities, e.g. tangrams and we have been finding out about more complex 2D and 3D shapes. The children have been very engaged by the topic. They have also enjoyed a road safety walk in the school grounds and a range of fun activities related to transport. We are planning to return to the road safety topic later next term too. Thank you to all the parents that returned the parent planning sheets. There were some fantastic ideas and it was really interesting to see what you wanted your child to learn through the topics at Nursery.

Optional Home Activity: Please have a look for different shapes at home with your child and send in a drawing or picture or list of the shapes you found for your child's PLP.

'Letters and Sounds' and 'Castles'

Our next topics will be 'letters and sounds.' The children have also shown a lot of interest in castles and knights/princesses lately and we are planning to follow child-initiated work in this area until Easter also.

Talking Floor Books/E-books

As part of the school developments with planning, the Nursery is now using e-books instead of floor books. A printed copy is kept in the floor book area for parents and children to look at. We are going to try to remember to put the e-book up on the whiteboard too. Please feel welcome to come up to the whiteboard and to look through it. We would love you to write any comments on our e-books/floor books. **Please don't worry about writing on our floor books/ne-books/ printed copies of e books! We would be delighted to see your comments.**

Talking Wall

We are going to be putting regular questions up on the talking wall (just above the floor books) in Nursery. Please pop your comments, ideas, observations, etc. on a post it note. **Again, we would be delighted to see you comments and ideas for improvement!**

Parents' Evenings

Reports will be sent out in May. There will be a parents' evening on Thursday 30th May. Further information regarding this will follow.

Split Placements

Dalbeattie Nursery Class works in partnership with other early years settings. If your child has a split placement or attends wrap around care, e.g. attends both Dalbeattie Nursery and Dalbeattie Playgroup, we plan to work together with the other provider to share information about targets for your children. These shared targets will be available in the PLPs (Special Books) and a sample of the sheet has been included with this letter. We may also share relevant information from the care plan. We hope that building "good information sharing practices" between early years settings will enable a more joined up educational experience for your child. As I will be contacting other providers regarding children who have split placements/attend wrap around care **this week**, I would be grateful if you could return the permission slip as soon as possible. If you have any concerns about us sharing information about your child with the other setting that your child attends, please speak to a member of Nursery staff.

Absences

As part of a policy update on our absence procedure, you may now receive a text message to contact the school if your child is not at Nursery. We would be grateful if you could phone the school to let the Nursery know if your child is going to be off for any reason, e.g. tired; unwell; going for a day out; going on holiday. Thank you for your help with this.

Parent Helpers

Please let us know if you can help with CAPER, Parent helper Tuesdays or on any other occasions. Thank you!

Appointments

Thank you for all your patience with all the different appointments this term, e.g. care plans. Thank you to all parents for your time and assistance with this!

Car Parking

For safety reasons, please only bring your car up to the Nursery/School car park if you have been given a disability pass or permission to do so. These passes can be obtained from the school office.

Survey

We would be very grateful if you could complete the attached survey and return it before the holidays. Thank you for taking the time to complete these surveys! Your feedback on surveys really helps us to evaluate and improve the Nursery service.

Thank you,

Mrs Catherine Mackenzie (Nursery Teacher)

Dalbeattie Nursery Class: Provision Survey

Multi-Agency Information Afternoon

We are considering running an open afternoon (3-4pm) at some point in April/May regarding the work of the Nursery with other agencies and professionals, e.g. Health Visitors, School Nurse, Educational Visitor, Speech and Language Therapist, Occupational Therapy. We intend to invite other professionals from these services to come to the open afternoon to be available to talk to parents. Would you be interested in this?

Yes, I think this would be a good idea and I would like to come along to this.

No, I would probably not attend this.

School Reports

It will soon be report time! What information would you like to be included in your child's Nursery school report? We would like to ensure that the reports provide relevant information for parents about your child's progress at Nursery.

All About Me Books

Is there any additional information that you would have liked to be included in the all about me books when your child started Nursery, e.g. toileting, self help skills?

Updates: At present, we send out several new more about me books throughout the academic year in order to update them. We have been evaluating this and would like your feedback regarding your preferred option:

(Please Tick)

*One 'All about me book' for Year 1 in Nursery and one 'More about me' book for Year 2 in Nursery with an updates page that is sent home twice a year for an update.

*A new more about me book twice a year.

*Alternative idea (Please state idea) _____

General Comments/ Feedback:

Name (Optional) _____ Date _____

