

Dalbeattie Nursery Class: January Newsletter 2013

Welcome back to Nursery!

We hope that everyone had an enjoyable holiday. We are pleased to welcome new children to Nursery too this week. We have been delighted to see how caring our returning children have been towards the new boys and girls.

Norovirus like illnesses

There are norovirus like illnesses (sickness and diarrhoea) in the Nursery at the moment. Please ensure that you phone us to let us know if your child is off with any illness and please keep your child off for at least 48 hours after the last episode of symptoms if they are off with sickness/diarrhoea.

Important Dates

Tuesday 15th and Wednesday 16th January: Primary 1 Enrolment

You will need to collect a form from your key worker on one of these days, unless your child is in the catchment area for another school. Further details regarding the enrolment process have been sent out in a separate letter.

Tuesday 5th and Thursday 7th February: Care Plans

Please note that the care planning is not related to enrolment. We have been reviewing our procedures and are now changing the Nursery care planning process to include parent appointments to check contact details, medical information, individual needs etc on a six monthly basis. Please make an appointment time and arrive fifteen minutes before this time to collect and complete a SEEMIS contact details update form. Mrs Mackenzie will then complete the care plan form (currently on display beneath the appointments list) with you.

Wednesday 27th and Thursday 28th February: Pre-school Enrolment

Children attending Nursery from August 2013, January 2014 and April 2014 need to be enrolled on these dates. It is necessary to bring the child's birth certificate and a proof of address, e.g. driving license, electricity bill. Further details will follow regarding registration arrangements for children **returning** to Nursery in August 2013.

Indoor Shoes

In order to ensure the cleanliness of the toys and indoor rugs, it is very important that children have a clean pair of shoes or slippers that they change into when they enter the Nursery. This is to ensure that mud and dirt from outside is not transferred into the play area as much as possible. Thank you very much for your cooperation with this.

Snack

We provide a range of snacks over the week at Nursery. Snack is 30p/£1.50 per day. Please put this in the blue tin that is situated in the cloakroom/welcome area as you enter the Nursery.

Special Books (PLPs)

The children's special books (Personal Learning Portfolios) are situated in the entrance area of the Nursery. Please have a look at these as we are updating them on a regular basis.

Childcare Student

Over the year, we will have Miss Kelly in Nursery on Thursdays. She is studying for her childcare qualification.

C.A.P.E.R. (Children and Parents Enjoy Reading)

C.A.P.E.R. starts again next week on Wednesday. The children will bring home a bag with a book and a rhyme. Please have a look at these with your child and return them on the following Wednesday. If you have volunteered to help with this, please have a look at the rota on the door. We really need more helpers for this. If you would like to help, please speak to any member of staff.

Tuesday Activity Days

We have moved the parent helper days from Thursdays to Tuesdays. Once per month, we would be grateful if a parent could come in to help with an activity in the Nursery. If you would like to help, please speak to any member of staff.

Open door policy

We operate an open door policy at Dalbeattie Nursery and if you ever have any questions or concerns, please speak to a member of staff at any time who will be happy to help you. We can also be contacted by email or phone. Please visit our school blog which is located at:

<https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/dg/DalbeattiePrimarySchool/>

Parents' Talking Wall

Have a look at our talking wall, located next to the door in Nursery. We are now updating our question on the wall frequently. Please have a look at the question and leave a post it note to let us know what you think on the issue. Thank you- we really appreciate your feedback!

Planning

This week we are learning about winter. We will then be learning about birds in winter for two weeks. Following this, we will be having lots of fun exploring polar lands and polar animals. If you have any good ideas for our topic or would like to help with an activity, please let us know or fill in the parent feedback slip at the end of this newsletter. We would love to hear your ideas. We are currently using e-books to try to save ink and resources. We are still displaying a printed copy of these in the entrance area.

Please complete the following survey:

Term Planning:

In the past, we have sent home a copy of the term planning. It is displayed in the entrance area. Would you like us to continue to send home a copy of the planning?

Yes, I would like you to send a copy of the planning home every term.

No, I'm happy to look at the A3 copy of the planning on display in the Nursery entrance area.

Parent Feedback Slip:

(Please provide any comments that you have regarding the work of the Nursery, planning, etc)

