



Nursery Newsletter – 13th January 2011

Dear Parent / Carer

A Happy New Year to you all and welcome to the new children and parents! The nursery staff hope you all had a great time over Christmas.

Burns for Bairns

On Monday 31st January the Nursery children will be joining Primary 1 for a Scots storytelling / poetry session with 'Aiken Drum'. Morning children should come to Nursery as usual. Afternoon children are invited to come to the school for 9:45 am and should be collected at 10:45 am (parents are welcome to stay too). Afternoon children should also come for the afternoon session as usual.

Nursery Enrolments

We haven't been informed of the authority Nursery enrolments dates yet. Three year olds already in our Nursery need to re-enrol for their pre-school year. To save time your enrolment form for last year will be sent home soon. Could you please check the form and make any changes to it and hand it back in to Nursery staff. You will then not to enrol on the official enrolment days.

Because we have quite a few children who are new to the nursery, we would like to ask for assistance with some little things which make our job easier, give us more time to interact with the children, and hopefully enhance your child's experience with us. Please bear with us if you have heard all this before!

Gym

The morning session have a gym lesson in the school hall on a Monday, and the afternoon session on a Tuesday. Could you please ensure that your child has gym shoes, clearly marked with their name. These can be left at nursery – we have bags and storage boxes to keep them in - so they would be here whenever they should be needed eg if shoes get wet, or if we get an opportunity to take part in a drama or sports activity.

Clothing

It would also be a great help to us if **ALL** items of removable clothing were clearly marked with the child's name. The children cannot always identify their own clothes – especially the sweatshirts as they may be the same as several others.

Changing

Even if your child is toilet trained, accidents can and do happen. There also may be other reasons why your child may need to change some of their clothing. If they should require to be changed, it is preferable that they have their own clothes to put on, therefore, can we ask that you send your child with a bag containing socks or tights, pants and trousers or a skirt. We do have a small supply of these items, but don't always have the right size or something that the child is happy to put on.



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If you have clothing that your child has outgrown and that you no longer need, we would be happy to accept them to add to our stock! We are especially short of boys trousers at the moment.

Toys

Please could you discourage your child from bringing their own toys to nursery. We are aware that children can develop a strong attachment to particular toys and may be unhappy at the thought of leaving them behind, however, it would be worse if a favourite toy was to be lost or damaged while it was here! We have plenty of things to play with here, so it is better to keep special toys at home.

Library

A reminder that on a Thursday we go to the library at the end of the session. You can collect your child between 11.10-11.20 or 2.45-2.55. There are occasions when we do not have access to the room that we use because the library uses the room for different events. When this is the case, we will make every attempt to let you know when you drop your child off.

Help

We are always open to offers of help. If you have a spare half hour and want to contribute some time, we can use your help. There is a sheet in the entrance to nursery where you can put your name down and choose a job, or, if you enjoy storytelling, baking, craft activities, singing etc and want to share this with the children, we would be delighted to have you!

Finally could we ask you to be as punctual as possible when dropping the children off with us at 8.50am or 12.25pm We understand that it can be quite a juggling act to get children out the door but it's good practice for school and it helps us keep to our routine. Likewise, we try our best to have the children ready to go home at 11.20am or 2.55pm but getting 30 children ready is quite a feat so we apologise if you are sometimes kept waiting!

Thank you very much for your continued co-operation, we appreciate it enormously.

Yours
Jess Stansfield and the Nursery team



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