



Nursery Newsletter **November 2023**

It feels like we are just back from the October holidays but we are beginning to count down to Christmas. What a quick few weeks!

Staffing

Mrs Claire McCallum will start as new Acting Headteacher from Monday 11th December. We wish her a very warm welcome to Team Denend!

Mrs Thomson will return to her substantive post of Principal Teacher.

Christmas Fayre

Denend Christmas Fayre will be on Thursday 30th November 3.15pm – 5.00pm. It will be held across both school buildings.

The Parent Council are looking for donations for raffle and tombola prizes. Many thanks to those parents who have already handed in donations!

The nursery children will be creating Christmas arts and crafts which will be sold prior to, and on the day of the Christmas Fayre.

There will be a Christmas Raffle, an adult's tombola, a children's tombola and a Guess the Teddy's birthday.

The Parent Council have invited in members of the community with their stalls so you may be able to begin your Christmas shopping!

We will also have the opportunity for children and families to have a ride around the playground in a Tuk Tuk.

This year the Christmas Fayre will take place across the two buildings with cake & candy, teas/coffees and face painting all being based over in the dinner hall.

We will also have Eddie over there to help with the cost of living and Joanne from the Co-op to help you all sign up for the Community App something that our school then benefits from.

Nursery Improvement Plan **2023/2024**

Priority 1: **Children's Rights and Wellbeing**

Nursery charter to be developed with the nursery children.

Introduce language of rights and language of wellbeing in a meaningful and accessible way to nursery children e.g. Safe Sally

Priority 2: **Outdoor Learning**

Nursery team to continue to develop nursery garden/outdoor learning.

Priority 3: **Pupil Voice**

Gather evidence of pupil voice across the curriculum

Helpful Reminders & Information

Nursery Fund

Nursery fees are £2.00 per week.

From Monday 23rd October until the December holidays is 8 ½ weeks.

Fees for the term will be £16.00.
All fees are used to pay for resources for the nursery.

Any issues or concerns please speak to a member of the nursery team.

Polite Reminder

A polite reminder to parents that all children should be picked up between 2.30pm and 3.00pm.

Staff have cleaning and planning obligations to fulfil from 3.00pm onwards.

It would be helpful if parents who have both school and nursery children collect their nursery child first.

Indoor Clothing

Learning through play is fun and can be very messy! Please ensure your child comes to nursery in 'old' clothes which you don't mind getting dirty.

Staff will encourage your child to wear an apron but cannot guarantee to keep your child clean. Apologies in advance...

An extra change of clothes can be kept in your child's nursery bag, just for days they get really messy!

A change of shoes to wear within the nursery playroom would also be welcome especially if your child is arriving at nursery wearing wellies or boots.

Outdoor Clothing

Please ensure your child comes to nursery dressed appropriately for the weather. Coats are a must at this time of year! It would be helpful if your child's wellies and waterproofs could be brought into nursery on a Monday and remain in nursery for the whole week.

Hats, gloves and scarves are also a key addition at this time of year!

Names on everything please!

Tissues/Wipes/Soap

As always at this time of year we require donations of tissues, wipes and soap. Please only if you are able to.

Many thanks in advance.

Concerns, complaints or issues

If there are concerns, complaints or issues please speak to a member of the nursery team in the first instance. Or you can contact Mrs Gail Thomson (Acting Headteacher) via telephone (01592 583423) or via email denendps.enquiries@fife.gov.uk

If you feel we didn't resolve your concern you can contact Care Inspectorate by email

concerns@careinspectorate.gov.scot
or by telephone 0345 600 9527.

Upcoming Events

Christmas Fayre

Denend Christmas Fayre will be on Thursday 30th November 3.15pm – 5.00pm.
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All Welcome!

Nursery Christmas Sing-a-long

Monday 11th December @ 2.15pm
(All parents welcome – bring your singing voices!)

Whole School and Nursery Pantomime

Children will walk down with the school children to Bowhill Centre
Tuesday 12th December @ 9am

More information to follow/Parent Helpers will be required.

Christmas Nursery Lunch

Wednesday 13th December

Christmas Party

Our Christmas Party will be on the afternoon of Tuesday 19th December.

The morning session will be as normal and then after lunch the children will attend their
Christmas Party.

Last day of term

Wednesday 20th December – Nursery closes at 3pm for the Christmas holidays!

We wish all of our children and families a very Merry Christmas and we will see you all back
safely in nursery on Thursday 4th January 2024!