

# Pittencrieff Nursery Newsletter

## November 2021



# Welcome!

All our children—our new starts and returners, have settled into nursery well. We hope parents and carers feel able to leave their child without worries. If you do have any concerns about your child, please feel free to speak to your child's key worker or any staff member and we will be happy to help you. There is also a parent comment box available at both the Indoor and Outdoor nursery settings, on the gate, if you wish to leave a comment or feedback. Thanks!



## Our Nursery Team

### Staff working across both Nurseries.

Shelley Hutchison - Headteacher

Katie Dow- Principal Teacher

Debbie Gibson - Nursery Teacher

Majella O'Dea - Early Years Development Officer

Heather Underwood—Senior Early Years Officer

### Indoor Nursery

Rosemary-Kwaw Asase - Early Years Officer

Sian Kilgour - Early Years Officer

Christine Martin - Early Years Officer

Sarah Meach - Early Years Officer

Marie Pyne - Early Years Officer

Diana Turnbull - Early Years Officer

Donna Watson - Early Years Officer

### Outdoor Nursery

Shona Colley - Early Years Officer

Julija Rus-Sekulic - Early Years Officer

Paul Tuffy - Early Years Officer

### **Holidays and In-Service Days.**

#### **Christmas Holidays**

Thursday 23rd December—Wednesday 5th January

#### **In-Service**

Wednesday 16th February

#### **February Break:**

Thursday 17th February—Friday 18th February

#### **Easter Holidays:**

Monday 29th March—Friday 9th April

### **Nursery Contribution**

We will be setting up an ipayimpact account for all nursery children in January as a safe way to pay your nursery contribution money. This is a voluntary payment of £2 per week. This covers the cost of daily snack and helps fund additional resources for the nursery.

Please watch this space, more info to follow!



### **Wider Achievements**

We invite you to share photos or drawings of any of your child's achievements, successes and good news from home! We would love to display them on our

'Celebrating Success' Wall!

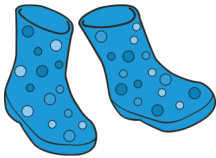
Please speak to a member of staff and they will be happy to organise this with you.



## Indoor Nursery - Outdoor Learning

All of our children are enjoying spending extended amounts of time learning outdoors in our nursery garden. Nursery staff have spent time developing our outdoor areas to ensure a rich learning environment to meet all of our children's needs. Resources are available to provide learning experiences from all areas of the curriculum. Nursery staff support children's individual learning through quality interactions and support children to make choices about their learning, develop skills for life through play and to take risks in their play to develop skills to assess risk in a controlled environment.

As your child is encouraged to spend a large part of their nursery session in the outdoor area, can you please ensure your child is coming to nursery prepared for all weathers!



This may include;

A waterproof suit, wellies, mucky trainers, warm hat and gloves.

Please can you check that your child's clothes, jackets, wellies and shoes are all clearly labelled with their name on. Thank you!



## Outdoor Nursery

### Winter Clothing

As we approach the winter months, here are some clothing tips to keep your child warm and dry while they enjoy the beautiful surroundings of Pittencrieff Park.

- Remember, all children will be provided with a fleece lined waterproof suit, often preferred by the children so they can look the same as their friends!
- Lots of layers! Essential for your child to keep warm, and to cool off after lots of physical play—vest, long sleeved t-shirt, jersey, socks, leggings, joggers
- A full change of clothes should be provided everyday, in a waterproof bag (a simple carrier bag is perfect!) incase of messy/muddy/wet play
- A warm hat and a pair of warm, waterproof gloves
- Wellies—these are also available for all children to borrow
- A couple of pairs of warm socks

## Some Little Reminders!



- Spare clothes and nappies/pull ups for your child are appreciated as, in line with our COVID risk assessment, we are unable to provide these from nursery.
- If your child has had sickness or diarrhoea please keep them off for 48 hours after their last symptoms.
- Please can you regularly check your child's hair for headlice.
- In line with the Scottish Government guidelines, if your child has any of these COVID-19 symptoms, please do not send them to nursery and contact NHS;
- A new, continuous cough
- High temperature
- Loss of or change in taste or smell

If you have any concerns or are unhappy with any aspect of our nursery provision please contact our Headteacher Shelley Hutchison at

**[pittencrieffps.enquiries@fife.gov.uk](mailto:pittencrieffps.enquiries@fife.gov.uk)**

Further advice can be obtained from the Care Inspectorate who monitor and inspect early years provision.

**Telephone: 0800 600 9527**

**Email: [enquiries@careinspectorate.com](mailto:enquiries@careinspectorate.com)**

### Child Protection

Miss Shelley Hutchison

Child Protection officer

Mrs Katie Dow

Child Protection Depute  
Officer

Mrs Suzanne Anderson

Child Protection Depute  
Officer

If you have any concerns for a child's care or welfare please contact one of the Child Protection Officers.

### Contact Information

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