

# Orchard Nursery Class

## Newsletter September 2017



### WELCOME

A very big welcome to all the boys and girls who have started or returned to nursery, we are looking forward to another exciting year! A big welcome to all the new mums and dads, grandparents and carers, we are also looking forward to working in partnership with you. Hopefully everyone will settle really quickly and be happy to join us each day.



### STAFFING

Our roles and keyworker groups are as follows:

Mrs Claire Somerville/Mrs Louise Brownlie (job share) - Nursery Teachers -  
Butterfly Group

Mrs Fiona Kirkland/Mrs Elaine Hall (job share) - Early Learning Practitioners -  
Buzzy Bee Group

Miss Jillian Lindsay - Early Learning Practitioner - Ladybird Group

Mrs Mary Cullen and Mrs Anne-Marie McLaughlin -

Mrs Lorna Sneddon - Principal Teacher

Mrs Jill Woodward - Head Teacher

All of the staff work with all of the children at different times throughout the day.

### **NURSERY SESSION TIMES**

Just a reminder of the nursery session times each day. Remember your child is entitled to 3 hours and 10 minutes nursery education for five sessions each week.

MORNING SESSION 8.40am - 11.50am

AFTERNOON SESSION 1pm - 4.10pm.

All children should be collected by the end of their session time. Our nursery doors will only be open at the times stated above due to security reasons.

Please make sure you inform us of who is collecting your child at the end of the session.

### **EMERGENCY CONTACTS**

Please make every effort to keep us informed of your current contact numbers in case we need to get in touch with you during the nursery session. Please remember to also keep us up to date with those family members or friends you have listed as emergency contacts should you not be available.

### **JACKETS, SHOES ETC**

Can you please put your child's name on all shoes, jumpers and jackets as some children have identical shoes, jackets etc. and we like to make sure they have their own items of clothing on? Please also ensure that your child has a full change of clothes in his/her bag in the event they need to get changed.

### **£1.50 PER WEEK TOY FUND**

As a nursery we ask you to contribute £1.50 a week to our toy fund. This enables us to buy resources to promote an active curriculum and enhance learning experiences. Every week a child will be in charge of collecting the

money in the money boxes. This will encourage familiarity with money and using a chart.

### **SNACK**

We encourage the children to eat a healthy snack every day. In the nursery we have a shopping list of what we need. It would be much appreciated if you could buy any items from the list and put your name up on the board. The list will be located in the foyer area.

### **FOREST KINDERGARTEN**

We are planning our first trip on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> September to a local wooded area where children will be encouraged to play, explore and learn in the natural environment. We have been unable to find a suitable area that is within walking distance so we ask that on the day you bring your child and meet us. We plan to meet at the Snack Bar at the bottom of Castlehill Road at 9.30am and 1.30pm. There is quite a large car park there. We ask that on this day parents stay with their children in order to provide them with the best possible experience. More information about clothing will follow nearer the time. If you have any questions please speak to any of the staff.

### **CHILDREN'S LEARNING**

We have been very busy so far exploring our new nursery, playing in all the different areas and enjoying lots of different activities outdoors. We are currently investigating the children's areas of interest before deciding on this terms topics.



### **STAY AND PLAY**

We would like to invite all parents along to our termly 'Stay and Play' Session. This gives parents the opportunity to interact with their child in the Nursery environment, view their Pupil Profiles and comment on progress and also speak to staff. We may even have tea, coffee and cake on offer!! The first session will be on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> September. Morning parents/carers will be welcome from 10.30am and afternoon from 1pm. We would really appreciate if just one adult attended for each child as we are quite tight for space. We look forward to seeing you and sharing learning!

### **WHITE BOARD**

Outside the Nursery we have a white board which we use to inform our planning. We would really appreciate parents/carers to add any ideas or suggestions to the board. This would make sure that we are meeting the needs of your children and involving you in the learning process.

### **OUTDOOR AREA**

The Nursery staff are all keen to develop the outdoor space we have to make it as stimulating as possible. We are in the process of creating a display to encourage parents, children and staff to share their ideas. We would really appreciate your input, keep your eyes peeled for the display!

### **PARENT COUNCIL**

We are looking for some Nursery parents to join our Parent Council. This would mean Nursery Parents could have some input on the life of the school and have their views taken into consideration. Part of the work this year will be fundraising for the Nursery outdoor area. The first meeting is on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> September at 7pm. Please, please support our Nursery!

### **HOW TO FIND OUT WHAT'S HAPPENING IN OUR NURSERY CLASS**

Please visit our nursery class blog as it will be regularly updated with information and photographs about our nursery learning activities. The blog can be accessed at

<https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/nl/Orchard>

Or by simply typing Orchard Primary and Nursery Class into your search engine.

### **ANY QUESTIONS OR ENQUIRIES**

If you have any questions, concerns, worries or would like to give us any feedback please feel free to speak to any member of staff or alternatively contact our headteacher, Mrs Jill Woodward by email at

[ht@orchard.n-lanark.sch.uk](mailto:ht@orchard.n-lanark.sch.uk)

### **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

TUESDAY 5<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER - Parent Council AGM 7pm-9pm

WEDNESDAY 20<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER - STAY AND PLAY SESSION

FRIDAY 22<sup>nd</sup> SEPTEMBER - holiday

MONDAY 25<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER - holiday

WEDNESDAY 27<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER - Forest Kindergarten walk

THURSDAY 12<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER - Harvest Assembly

MONDAY 16<sup>th</sup> - FRIDAY 20<sup>st</sup> OCTOBER - closed all week. Nursery reopens Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> October.

TUESDAY 24<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER - Parent Council Meeting 6.45pm-8.45pm

TUESDAY 7<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER - Parent Council Family Race Night 6pm-9pm

MONDAY 20<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER - closed, In-Service training day.

TUESDAY 5<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER - Parent Council Meeting THURSDAY 2<sup>nd</sup> NOVEMBER- PARENT'S NIGHT 3.30pm - 5.00pm and 6.00pm-9.00pm.

FRIDAY 17<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER - Children in Need

FRIDAY 8<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER - Christmas Jumper Day

FRIDAY 22<sup>nd</sup> DECEMBER - Nursery closes.

MONDAY 8<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2018 - Nursery reopens.