

Nursery Newsletter

Our topic

Our focus for learning is currently the 3 little Pigs which will then lead on to Christmas. We have asked the children for their ideas for learning experiences, which are displayed in the cloakroom. Please feel free to use the post it notes available if you have any ideas that you would like to add.

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2019**

Staff

Our staff members pictures are displayed on the noticeboard in the cloakroom, but here is a wee reminder who the key workers for your child's group are.

Red Group: Mrs Winchester.

Blue Group: Mrs Macdonald and Mrs Love.

Yellow Group: Mrs Gallagher and Miss Smith.

Green Group: Mrs Hynd.

Miss Shepherd as the lead practitioner will be providing overall support in the daily running of the nursery.

We currently have Mr Watson Mrs Starmore and Mrs Clinton from New College Lanarkshire who will be working with the children as part of their course.

Please remember that if you wish to speak to a member of staff outwith parents appointments, we are always available to discuss concerns, suggestions or hear good news at an agreed time.

Depute Head Teacher Role

I would like to advise that Mrs Shanks is no longer with the authority and, as such the DHT post will be advertised as soon as possible to ensure stability for the whole school community. Miss Duddy and Mr Rutherford will continue to act in the role until the position is filled on a permanent basis. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Miss Duddy and Mr Rutherford and all parents/carers for your continued patience and support.

Inset Days and the Allocation of 600 hours

Due to the additional Inset days in November and February and the unplanned closure for the General Election in December, the allocation of 600 hours has been affected. In order to ensure the full allocation is met, we would like to offer an extra 10 minutes per session until the sessions are paid back, from 11.50-12pm for the morning session and 3.40-3.50pm for the afternoon. This time will be paid back on a pro rata basis dependent on when each child started in the nursery in the 2019-2020 session. If you would like to take up the extra 10 minutes please contact the school office and arrangements will be made on a case by case basis.

School & Nursery App

In a bid to become more eco-friendly, to save on copying and paper usage, we have for the past year subscribed to using a whole school and nursery app. This has proved successful so far and we are keen to encourage further usage. Not only does this app save printing but we were encouraged to subscribe to this form of home-school communication by our Parent Council as this is the app used successfully by Greenfaulds High School. **Details of how to access the app are attached to this letter.**

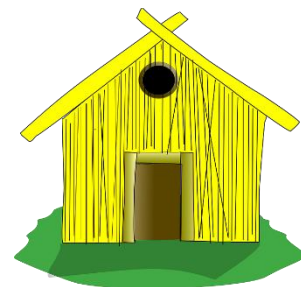
We now plan to go paper free and, as such, this will be our last paper copy of our newsletter communication. If you would prefer to receive a hard copy of school communications please contact the school office and we will arrange an agreed method of communication.



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play and learn!

Dates for your Diary

Wed 4th Dec 9.30am and 2pm
Nursery Concert
Thu 5th Dec 1pm Parents group meeting
Thu 12th Dec General Election
Fri 13th Dec Christmas Jumper day
Wed 18th Dec Nursery Party
Thu 19th Dec Session times for all 8.40-11.50
Fri 20th Dec to Fri 3rd Jan Holiday
Mon 10th Feb, Tue 11th Feb Holiday
Wed 12th Feb, Thu 13th Feb Inset days
Thu 5th Mar World Book Day Dress-up



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Parents Group

The Nursery Parents Group have met a couple of times already and minutes of the meetings are displayed in the cloakroom. The next meeting is on Thursday 5th December at 1pm, everyone is welcome at these meetings.

Nursery Christmas Concert

Thank you to everybody who came along to support our Nursery Christmas Concerts, they were a huge success and I think you'll agree that the children were stars. These events take a huge amount of planning and preparation so well done to our nursery team!

Online profiles

We hope you are enjoying looking at all the fun things your child has been doing in nursery. Remember that you can add comments or your own pictures to your child's profile. If you have not yet had your login and password or having trouble logging on please speak to a member of staff.

Sponsored Cycle

Our sponsored Cycle raised a total of £1117 to purchase equipment for our outdoor area, a big thank you for your support.

Children in Need

The nursery raised £58 for Children in Need a total of £658.22 for the whole school.

Reminders

Please could you make sure that your child has a change of clothes in their cream bag in case of an accident or after playing in the water, as we have limited spare clothes. We recommend that you ensure that your child does not have laces on their shoes for nursery and home time, as this can result in your child being upset if they can not put their own shoes on. **Please can you ensure that your child's name is on their shoes/clothes.** We would ask that your child does not bring in any toys to nursery as they can be mislaid, children can also become upset if another child plays with them.

Please note the exclusion periods for various illnesses are displayed in the cloakroom. With sickness and diarrhoea of any kind, children must be excluded for 48 hours from the last bout to stop cross infection.

A reminder to parents that our nursery policy folder is on display in the welcome area.

Please note the £3 weekly donation helps to pay for resources, snack, birthdays, treats for the children and special events. The box is located opposite the signing in sheets.

Home Time

When you are collecting your child you may be asked to go over and speak to your child's key worker. This is nothing to be worried about, it is usually just to give you an update on your child's day at nursery.

Drop off and pick up times

Can you please inform a member of staff if another person or parent is picking up your child, as we have to ensure that you have given them permission to do so.

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Car park

A reminder to ensure safety for all, that children are supervised at all times in the carpark and that only designated pathways are used. We require parents/carers to use the car park to drop off and collect children timeously and would request that parents/carers wishing to chat please do so out with school grounds. This will ensure the safety of all users and the efficient use of the limited spaces available. A polite reminder that in line with legislation, **all engines should be switched off** whilst waiting and that no **smoking or vaping** should take place within school grounds even within cars. Thank you for your assistance in helping us all stay safe should failure to adhere to these safety procedures parental use of school car park will be reviewed.

Please do not open the door for other parents, as it poses a security risk and ensure that the door is properly closed when you leave.

<u>Drop off</u>	<u>Pick up</u>	
AM 8.40-8.50 door open	11.40-11.50 door open	All children should be collected by 11.50am
8.50 door closed		
9.05-9.15 door open		
9.15 door closed		
PM 12.30-12.40 door open	3.05-3.10 door open	All children should be collected by 3.40pm
12.40 door closed	3.35-3.40 door open	

Occasionally we understand that there may be a need to drop your child outwith these times please go to the school reception on these occasions. The nursery has a welcome time at the start of each session, which is an important part of the day for your child to attend. Late attendance can impact on your child settling in to the daily routine as part of their group.

Reminder

Remember to check your child's information pocket for important information and letters on a regular basis. Also check our Nursery Blog for regular updates and Nursery News.

Blog-<https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/nl/EastfieldNurseryClass/>

website- www.eastfield.n-lanark.sch.uk

twitter- @eastfieldschool



I wish all of our children and families

season and look forward to seeing everyone back in 2020!

Kind regards,

 Lesley McPhee
Headteacher