

Westfield Nursery Class

January 2016



Suggestions, Concerns and Complaints

Please remember that you can make suggestions to the nursery staff using the suggestions board and box in the cloakroom, using the slip at the bottom of the newsletters or by speaking to a member of staff.

If you have any concerns or complaints you may also report these to nursery staff, Mrs Ellington or by following the complaints procedure on the cloakroom notice board. Thank you.

Open Door Policy

Please remember if you have any concerns or anything you wish to discuss please do not hesitate to approach your child's key worker or any other member of staff. Although it is not always possible to enter into discussions when all of the children are entering the nursery, the staff are usually able to discuss concerns once the busy period is over.

Mrs Ellington, Miss Reilly and Mrs Alston are also available by appointment if there is something you wish to discuss with management. Thank you.



Miss Newton

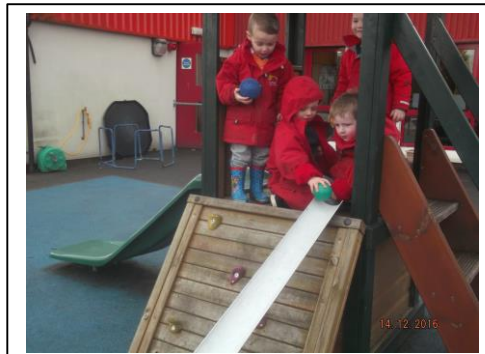
The staff would like to welcome Miss Newton back to the nursery. She will be working with the Butterflies group in both the morning and afternoon, replacing Mrs Paul. We hope Mrs Paul settles in quickly to her new post at Holy Cross Nursery.

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Thank you

The staff at Westfield Nursery would like to thank everyone for their kind thoughts, cards and gifts for Christmas.

We would also like to thank you on behalf of Mrs Paul for the cards and presents wishing her good luck in her new post.



Topic

Our topic will be confirmed when the staff have observed the children's interests.

P1 Registration

Children who will be 5 years old before 1st March 2018 should be enrolled for school on the week beginning 16th January 2017. Your child's birth certificate and your council tax bill (proof of address) is required.

The dates and times for registration at Westfield are as follows:

Monday 16th, Tuesday 17th and Wednesday 18th January, 9.15 – 12.00 and 1.15 – 3.00

If you are applying for a place at Westfield but do not live in our catchment please enroll at your local school and put in a placing request. Thank you.

Family Helpers

The staff would like to thank all of the Mums, Dads and Grandparents who helped out on our walk to the library and for wrapping the children's Christmas presents.



Dates for your Diary

Holidays and In-service Days

****Monday 13th and Tuesday 14th February (Mid term break)**

****Wednesday 15th February (in-service day)**

****Monday 3rd April to Monday 17th April inclusive (Spring break)**

Events

****P1 Registration****

Monday 16th January

Tuesday 17th January

Wednesday 18th January

9.15 – 12.00 and 1.15 – 3.00



Christmas Fayre

At our final count the nursery raised £130 for the sale of our decorations and Calendars.

The children have decided to send £60 to Soldiers Off the Street Scotland, £36 to WWF to adopt a Polar Bear and £34 to help the dogs and cats at the Scottish SPCA.

Thanks to everyone for their generous contributions.

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Stay and Play Days

Thank you to everyone who was able to 'Stay and Play' with their child in November. If you didn't get a chance to take part there will be a second opportunity in March.

We issued evaluations after the block and would like to report the feedback. Of the 28 adults who stayed we had 14 evaluations returned. 14 out of 14 evaluations liked taking part in the 'Stay and Play' sessions. 14 out of 14 evaluations said we should continue to offer 'Stay and Play' sessions.

Lots of the parents and carers said that they liked seeing what their child does during the nursery session, meeting their child's friends, seeing their child interacting with the teachers and seeing what happens on transition days for pre-school children.

Some of the suggestions for the nursery to implement include:

***Song words being sent home or being put on the blog

The staff try to put relevant songs on the blog each month however this can be difficult as they have such a big range of songs.

If there are specific songs that you would like please request them from a member of staff and we will update the blog. Thank you.

***For the Mums (or Dads) to sit at circle time

Please feel free to do so at our next 'Stay and Play'

***Group times for the pre-school children

The nursery routine currently allows for 2 group times each week for all children plus a visit to the school for pre-school children; more group times will be added to the timetable when all children have started and have settled.

Building the Ambition and How Good is Our Early Learning and Childcare

Two of the documents that the nursery staff use to guide and support early learning in the nursery are 'Building the Ambition' and 'How Good is Our Early Learning and Childcare.' Staff have read these documents as part of their professional development, have attended training sessions with other nurseries to explore different ways that the document is being used and complete annual evaluations with Mrs Ellington to ensure we are delivering a good service.

In order to gain a more holistic view of our nursery we would like to extend the questions to our parents and carers to help us evaluate the establishment and improve the service that we offer. In each newsletter we will pose a question to the parents and carers. Responses can be filled in on the tear off slip, emailed to Mrs McClure at lmccclure@westfield.n-lanark.sch.uk or written on a sheet in the cloakroom area.

Due to the upcoming P1 registration and considering all of the new children who have started since August we will be looking at transitions this month. We appreciate any feedback from parents and carers to help us improve our service.

What ways do you think you could have been involved in your child's transition from home to nursery?
Or how would you like to be involved in your child's transition from nursery to Primary One?