

# Westfield Nursery Class



November 2019



## Awards

As you know we give out a weekly award to each group every Friday. The Diamond Behaviour Award is given to children who always follow all the nursery rules and routines, the Kind Heart Award is given for children who show kindness to the other children and the super star tidier award is given to children who try really hard at tidy up time.

## Mini Kickers

The nursery children will be taking part in a 6 week mini kickers programme run by North Lanarkshire Council. The sessions will start on Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> October (which will be fun in full Halloween costumes). Each session consists of 30 minutes ball control/football skill training and 30 minutes of healthy eating and lifestyle games. Please ensure your child has suitable shoes for gym type activities. At the end of the 6 sessions the children will have a little graduation ceremony which parents can attend. We will inform you of the date nearer the time.

## Halloween party

The nursery will be holding a Hallowe'en Party on Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> October. If your child would like to they can come to nursery dressed up in their Halloween costumes.

## Dates for your Diary

### Holidays and In-service Days

\*\*Inservice days (children do not attend):  
Monday 18<sup>th</sup> November and Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> November.  
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### Events

\*\* Halloween Party, Thurs 31<sup>st</sup> October  
\*\* Mini movers every Thursday  
\*\*Library visit & Autumn walk, Mon 4<sup>th</sup> November  
\*\*Christmas Fair, Thurs 28<sup>th</sup> November,  
\*\*Christmas Sing along, Tues 10<sup>th</sup> December  
\*\*Christmas Party, Thurs 19<sup>th</sup> December

## Library visit

On Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November all nursery children will be going for an outing to visit Condorrat Library. We will be looking for signs of Autumn on the way to the library where we will be attending a book bug session. If you are able to accompany us on our walk there is a parent sign up sheet in the cloakroom. We will leave nursery at 9:30am and return in time for lunch in the morning. In the afternoon we plan to leave at 1:15pm and will be back for 3pm.

## Christmas Fayre

The Christmas Fayre is on Thursday 28th November at 6pm-8pm. The children will be making snow globes, Christmas decorations and reindeer dust to sell and we will also be making a Christmas Hamper again to raffle off (all donations for the hamper will be greatly appreciated). All money raised will go towards the nursery fund.

## Fluoride Varnish

Childsmile will be visiting the nursery on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> November 2019 to apply fluoride to the children's teeth. Orange forms will be handed out before this date to confirm any changes. Please read the form carefully to ensure all details are correct. Only forms with any changes to details need to be returned.

## Topic

In November we will be learning about Dark & Light, Road Safety and investigating 'Autumn'

## Additional inservice day

There is an additional inservice day this year on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> November, so in order to offer nursery children and their parents their full entitlement of hours, we could extend the nursery session by 10 minutes per day for 19 consecutive days (20<sup>th</sup> November - 16<sup>th</sup> December). On these days the morning session could begin at 8:30am and the afternoon session could finish at 4:05pm. If you feel you would like to take up this arrangement please let a member of staff know.



## Christmas party

We will be having a joint Christmas party this year, on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December in the morning. Afternoon children are invited to come along to the morning session (8:40am-11:50pm). This is a great opportunity for transition and will ensure the afternoon children get a full session as the school will be closing at early (2.30pm) for the Christmas holidays. Please contact Mrs. Alston if you have any queries or concerns about this arrangement. The party will begin in the nursery then we will move the gym hall for a children's entertainer, party games and a festive snack. Parents are invited to join the party in the gym hall at 11:10am to see the children get a present from Santa. All children are welcome to attend the Christmas party even if they do not normally attend nursery on a Thursday.

## Christmas Sing Along

The children will be performing a Christmas Sing Along on Tuesday 10th December, 9:30am and 1:30pm. Parents, grandparents and friends are invited to come along and join the festive fun. After the sing along guests are invited to join the children and staff in the nursery for tea/coffee and mince pies.

## Open Door Policy, Suggestions, Concerns and Complaints

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

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.

**Suggestions / Comments:** If you have any suggestions or comments please fill in below, tear off and return to a member of staff.