



Shotts Family Learning Centre

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Getting it Right for Every Child Personal Plans

Thank you for taking the time to meet with a member of the nursery team to begin to write or review your child's Personal Plan.

Each plan is unique to your child. Together we will endeavor to provide opportunities and experiences to help them grow and develop. Please remember at anytime

we would welcome you to share with their key person any observations or personal achievements which have occurred out with the life of the nursery.

If for any reason you have missed your consultation date then please speak to Lynn or Jackie who will provide you with

an alternative or a more convenient time and date.

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Retirement

Agnes Dick, who has been the Centre's morning cleaner/ caretaker for the last 15 years has decided that she is going to retire on Thursday 24th September. Agnes has been an asset to

the staff and the children,. Over the years she has been able to turn her hand to most things, from being the Easter Bunny to ensuring that the children's bags for the Nature Park are prepared.

I am sure that you would like to wish Agnes well as she embarks on this new chapter of her life spending more time with her family and grandchildren.

Scottish Book Bug & Nurturing Early Readers

Christine and Elaine will be taking part in a story board session on Monday 14th September 2015 to showcase the good practice in bringing Scottish Book Bug campaign into the life and work of Shotts Family Learning Centre. This event will enable practitioners from all over North Lanarkshire Council to share good practice.

This year due to the positive evaluations from children and parents from the Scottish Book Bug week held in the Centre and local community in May 2015, we have reviewed our Sharing Stories at home programme to incorporate Book Bug with a renewed focus on storytelling and rhymes.

Within the Centre it is our intention to deliver Book Bug Rhyme sessions for children

and families from 6 weeks to five years, more details will follow shortly.

It's everybody's responsibility to make sure I'm alright

Protecting children from harm and abuse is everybody's responsibility. Within the centre we have very clear Child Protection roles and responsibilities, with the Child Protection co-ordinator being Lynn

Walsh. However, if you see or hear anything which you are concerned about regarding a young person's wellbeing in or around the nursery, please speak to Lynn or Jackie in her absence in the first instance or indeed

contact the local Children and Families Team, Kings House, Wishaw 01698 348200.

Personal belongings and suitable clothing

Thank you to everyone who has ensured that their child's personal belongings are clearly labeled and that there is a full set of clothes in their bags.

Children love to



Climbing safely

be active both indoors and outdoors, whether that is exploring the mud kitchen or climbing and balancing. To ensure that your child is safe when using physical apparatus could we ask that

you consider not wearing clothes which may catch when climbing over or under and to perhaps wear leggings or jogging bottoms to lessen the likelihood of experiencing friction burns when sliding.

Forest School Sessions

Forest School leaders Nicola and Susan are planning to recommence Forest School sessions with children in the early level playroom on a Tuesday morning and Friday afternoon. The first cohort of children have been chosen based on observations of their individual learning styles.

Letters will be given direct to those children involved.

Over the recent years the success of the Forest School sessions have grown where children's confidence in their own abilities in taking control of their learning outdoors has increased.

For more information on the programme please speak to

Nicola or Susan.

One of the mottos which the centre has adopted to outdoor learning is "that there is no such thing as inappropriate weather it's the clothing which we wear which is inappropriate."



Learning together outdoors

Sickness and illness in children

If your child is unwell then it is perfectly reasonable that they remain at home, absence for this reason will not affect their places.

If your child is suffering from sickness and or diarrhoea then they must re-

main at home for at least 48hrs since the last bout.

Over the next few weeks you may hear your child talking about Handy Andy, this is a NHS programme to encourage young children to wash their hands:

- *before eating*
- *after using the toilet*
- *after playing outdoors*
- *after coughing*
- *after touching pets*

By encouraging these good habits we will lessen the spread of infection.

Headlice

Headlice affects many young children when they attend nursery and school as they often work in close proximity to each other.

We would encourage you to regularly check your child's hair and where possible for

girls to have their hair tied up or back from their face.

If you are unsure or need any assistance to check or to treat



Information leaflets can be found in the Parent Room

an infestation then contact your child's Named Person – Health Visitor.

Children cannot be excluded if they have headlice.

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Dates for your diary

- Week beginning 14th September Play on Pedals sessions all bikes and helmets will be provided by the centre
- Wednesday 16th September Parental Consultation with Jen Dawson, Home Link Worker, CLD re Family Learning Opportunities 8.50 am and 1 .10 pm.
- Thursday 24th September Agnes last day
- Friday 25th and Monday 28th September 2015 Public Holiday closure
- Friday 2nd October Parent .com 8.50 am and 1.10 pm

Blog

Each week we will publicise up to date information regarding the life and work of the centre on our Blog page. If you are unable to access the internet then your child's key worker will verbally keep you posted of any developments or information. Information will also be displayed on the Onelan screen in the early level cloakroom area regarding any meetings or important events. Text alerts will now only be

used in the event of an emergency as using text incur a cost to the centre's budget allocation. A review of use of Twitter is currently being undertaken by NLC, which again may be another means of keeping up to date with developments in the centre. If for any reason you decide that you do not wish your

image or that of your child posted on the Blog then please inform Lynn or Jackie.



Using the Blog to keep up to date with the life and work of the nursery