



Shotts Family Learning Centre

January 2016



Have your say parent consultations

Over the last two weeks we have had 32 parents who have joined practitioners in sharing their ideas on the types of learning they would like to participate in with their child either as a home link or during their child's session.

Some of the ideas have been:

Big Chef Little Chef

Understanding your child's behavior

Three Read Approach to Literacy

Play on Pedals

Mini Movers

Mini Kickers

Boogie Bounce

Swimming

Learning how to support numeracy

Growing Together Learning Forever

and many more.....

As a team we will now audit the responses and plan a yearly calendar of events which will give you time to opt in to.

If you have any other suggestions or ideas or you were unable to attend the consultations please speak to your child's key worker.

It is anticipated that anything which we are able to offer will be free of charge, however due to space and the type of event we may use a larger community space i.e Sports Centre or Community Centre.



Admissions 2016/17

The date for submission of applications for 2016/17 nursery intake closed on the 15th January 2016. All subsequent applications will now be classed as late.

The Admissions panels will take place week beginning the 15th February, with notifications sent out to all applicants ,

2nd class post on Friday 11th March 2016.

We hope that everyone managed to get along to the associate Primary Schools to register their child for school.

The Wishaw and Shotts Birth to Three Area Admission Panel is scheduled to meet on 15th February , where all Requests for Assistance will be reviewed in accordance with NLC Admissions Policy.

Bookbug Parent and Child with a stay and play sessions

The Bookbug Parent and Child sessions are almost ready to commence. Elaine and Christine have been working tirelessly to research resources and plan the sessions.

The sessions will take place every Thursday in the Rainbow and Sunshine Room for 6 weeks, from 1.15 pm until 2.15 pm, with each week having a different theme.

Places are limited to a first come first served basis.

Please note that your infant or young child does not need to be registered in the Birth to Three nursery to attend these sessions as they are open to all families who attend the centre with children birth to five years.

To launch this programme it is anticipated that we shall have Gerry Dunkin a NLC Librarian who will come along with his guitar and entertain us with his talents. For more information or if you would like to help Elaine or

Christine out with the finishing touches please let them know as soon as possible.

<http://www.scottishbooktrust.com/bookbug>.



Children's Clothing

Could we remind everyone to keep a spare set or two of clothing clearly labeled in their child's bag.



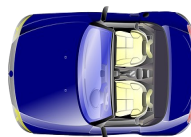
To ensure that your child is comfortable during their sessions would it be possible for you to provide them with a change of footwear to wear in the playroom, the easiest for the children to change out of is plimsoles with velcro on the fastening.

"We currently have many items of clothing lying uncollected in the cloakroom area, could you stop and have a check to see if you are missing something. All unidentified items will be given to local charity shop."

Car Park

It has been brought to our attention that many cars are entering and exiting the car park without giving due care and consideration to other users especially pedestrians.

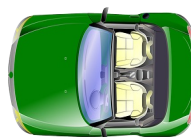
There is a clear sign displayed asking drivers NOT to park alongside the pathway of the birth to three nursery. This is not only blocking the pathway for pedestrians but is causing a potential hazard for other drivers when exiting by reversing from spaces. We have asked the local police if they would stop by at drop off



and collecting times and remind drivers of the risk they are causing to users either through their parking or speeding.



Thank you for your co-operation in, as the safety of all users is of paramount importance.



Five to thrive the things a parent or carer can do to help their child's growing brain

All staff will be attending multi agency Five to thrive training delivered by Kate Cairns associates on Wednesday 10th February during the Inset closure.

"A child's body grows better when they are given good food. Their brain grows better when they receive the five simple things that feeds their growing brain. These are children's daily "five to thrive" - the building blocks for a healthy brain. A healthy brain will help children be happy in themselves, make friends and enjoy family, as well as being the best start for learning once they go to school." for more info log on to www.fivetothrive.org.uk



Illness or infection

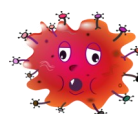
Could we please remind all parents and carers that if their child is suffering from an illness or infection that they must keep them at home until they are fully recovered.

Children who require to be given calpol prior to coming to nursery should also be kept at home as the effects of this medicine would of probably worn off during their session, resulting in the child feeling miserable or indeed their temperature to rise.

All practitioners consistently remind children to wash

their hands to help prevent the spread of infection

- After using the toilet
- Before eating
- After coughing, sneezing or cleaning their nose
- Returning from outdoors



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The children really enjoy learning outdoors regardless of the weather. Can you ensure that they have their hats, gloves and scarves along with warm socks to wear in their wellingtons.

Many thanks



Dates for your diary

Term time closure **Monday 8th** and **Tuesday 9th February**

In Set Closure Wednesday 10th February

Easter Weekend **Fri 25th and Mon 28th March**

Term time Easter closure **Mon 4th till Fri 15th April**

End of year event **Tues 28th June**

Leavers Presentation **Mon 27th June**

Bookbug Gifting Ceremony **Mon 27th June**

Any parent who wishes to purchase sessions out with the term i.e Easter, should advise Lynn. Sessions will be provided in the Birth to Three building during this time.

Toy fund donations collected every Tuesday and Thursday by a member of the admin team in the early level cloakroom.



Remember to log on to the **BLOG** each week to find out what has been happening and what is on for the on for the week ahead.