



Shotts Family Learning Centre

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End of term Parent and Child outing

Discussed at the recent Parent.com meetings was the possibility of hosting a parent and child outing at the end of the term.

There were three possible venues for consideration

1. Almond Valley
2. 5 Sisters Zoo
3. Amazonia/Soft Play at Strathclyde Country Park

In order to ensure the views of all families are sought there will be a consultation sheet displayed in each reception area for you to tally up your ideas or alternatively offer a further venue for consideration.

£ 190.00 was raised at the recent Easter Hamper raffle sale

which will go directly towards the cost of the coaches.

Further suggested fundraising ideas can be found in the minute of the meeting, which you will find copies of either in the Parent Room or on the BLOG.

It is anticipated that we shall be able to confirm a venue by Friday 22nd.

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Staffing

We would like to welcome back Pamela Hill, early learning practitioner, who following her period of maternity leave will be returning to work week commencing the 2nd May 2016. Sadly we

will have to say goodbye to Emma Burns who was supporting in the early level playroom throughout this period.

Due to NLC budget savings Jackie will no longer be out every

Tuesday delivering Play on Pedals, this programme will now be on a three week rotation facilitated by Jackie, Clare from Wishaw and Joan from Kildrum Family Learning Centres.

Scottish Bookbug Week

Around the world with Bookbug

Bookbug Week 2016 will take place between 16-22 May and will celebrate 'Around the world with Bookbug'

Children will be taking part in this event by exploring characters and places within stories recognising the similarities and differences within cultures from around the world. Books on offer will include **Handa's Surprise** by Eileen Browne, **Katie Morag** books by Mairi Hedderwick and **Dora the Explorer: Around the World** by Suzanne D. Nimm, Ron Zalme. Children will also be given the opportunity to visit their local community Library and Rosehall Care Home.



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 leader Nicola along with a colleague are planning to recommence Forest School sessions with children in the early level playroom on a Thursday morning and Friday afternoon. The 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



Learning together outdoors

Nicola .

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."

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

remain 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

- Early Level Progress Reports, Parental Consultations, **Wednesday 18th May 2016**
- Public Holidays Monday 2nd May, Friday 27th May and Monday 30th May 2016.
- In Service Closure Thursday 5th May 2016
- End of term outing Friday 24th June 2016

Please note that the end of term Leavers and Bookbug presentation will now take place on **Thursday 23rd June 2016** in the Henderson Theatre, Shotts, due to securing full use of the Community Centre and associated spaces.

Blog

Each week we will publicise up to date information regarding the life and work of the centre and the children's learning 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 incurs 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