

Dates for your diary

Infant Massage Commencing Monday 3rd October 2016

Solihull Understanding Your Child Commencing Tuesday 4th October 2016

Family Rhyme Time Sessions Commencing Wed 5th October 2016

Healthy Mummy Healthy Baby/Child Thursday afternoon

World Porridge Day Monday 10th October 2016

October Week School Holiday 17th–21st, please note that the Early Level Playroom will be closed during this period.

Halloween Party Friday 28th October 2016

Early Level Transition Event dates to be confirmed

Annual Data Returns

The admin staff are awaiting a number of Annual Data returns, can we ask that these are returned by Friday 14th October 2016. Many Thanks

Healthy Mummy Healthy Baby/Child

Early indications have demonstrated that this group will be extremely successful. Each week on the BLOG the parents will now post pictures and recipes of the food they make, for those parents who cannot make it along.

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 Siobhan in her absence in the first instance or indeed contact the local Children and Families Team, Kings House, Wishaw 01698 348200.

BLOG

Please remember to check to BLOG every week for an update of what's on the week ahead and for up to date information on the learning and teaching.

Shotts Family Learning Centre

October 2016

600hrs Early Learning & Childcare for 2 year olds

From August 2015 the criteria for free places changed to benefit more families.

You or a family members child could be entitled to almost 600 hours per year free early learning and childcare under the new criteria.

Your 2 year old may be eligible if one of the following apply.

You are in receipt of one of these benefits:

- Income Support
- Income based job seekers allowance
- Any income related element of the Employment and Support Allowance
- Child Tax Credit but not Working Tax Credit and your income is less than £16,010 per year

- Maximum Child Tax Credit and maximum Working Tax Credit and your income is less than £6,240

- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999

Or they are:

- Looked after
- Under a kinship care order
- Live with a Parent Appointed Guardian

For more information on how to apply speak to a member of our admin team or you can speak with NLC support staff on 01236 812281

For more information visit:

northlan.gov.uk/familyinformationservice or earlylearningandchildcare.scot

Within the centre we have 10 morning places and 10 afternoon places to support 600hrs Early Learning & Childcare for 2 year olds.

Parent.com

The first meeting of the Parent.com meeting took place on Wednesday 21st September 2016, full minute of the meeting can be accessed via the BLOG or from the Parent Room. The next meeting is scheduled to take place on Wednesday 30th November 2016.

Bookbug Family Rhyme Time



Commencing Wednesday 5th
October 2016

11.10am–11.25am Rainbow Room

Each child must have an accompanying adult



Sickness and illness in children

If your child is unwell then it is perfectly reasonable that they remain at home, especially if they have been given calpol before leaving home, as quite often we have had to telephone parents to collect their child as it has worn off.

If your child is suffering from sickness and or dia-

horrea 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.

World Porridge Day Monday 10th October 2016



In recognition of World Porridge the day, we will be serving porridge with various toppings to the children for their snack. The children will learn throughout this week how some children are given only a bowl of porridge at meal times.

Mary's Meals will receive any donations you may wish to make on Monday 10th.

www.marysmeals.org.uk

Forest School Sessions at Shotts Nature Park

The children have been engaging well with their buddies from Calderhead High School, whom they meet at Shotts Nature Park with Susan and Christine every Thursday afternoon. Remember to follow their

adventures in the weekly BLOG posts. The children will now be issued with their own back pack, which will contain a pair of thermal wellington socks and a thermal flask which they will now have

the responsibility of bringing it each Thursday for their session.



Learning together outdoors

Fundraising for Christmas

Over the recent years with families' generosity during fund raising events, the centre has managed to spend approximately £10 per child on a gift from Santa.



It has been agreed that we shall be having a family sponsored walk at Shotts Nature Park on Friday 14th October 2016., at 9 am and 1.15 pm. Where possible could all children be accompanied by an adult.

Times for party

9 am - 11.30 pm

1 pm - 3.30 pm

No scary masks please.



Halloween Party Friday 28th October

Book Week Scotland

Book Week Scotland is a week long celebration of books and reading taking place Monday 21st to Sunday 27th November 2016.

During Book Week, people of all ages and walks of life will come together in libraries, schools, community venues and workplaces to share and enjoy books and reading. They will be joined in this celebration by Scotland's authors, poets, playwrights, storytellers and illustrators to bring a packed programme of events and projects to life. Within Shotts Family Learning Centre we will be involving children

and families in a number of ways to help celebrate this Scottish event.

Over the course of the week we will be adding depth to the children's learning by using particular stories as a focus in each area. There will be individual key worker group sessions at the local library, (please remember to bring to child's library card with them to the library.)

On Monday the 28th November your child will be asked to bring with them to nursery their own story which they have read with you throughout the course of the week

along with your completed evaluation of their reading at home.

For more information on Scottish Book Week log on to

<http://www.scottishbooktrust.com/reading/book-week-scotland/about>

