

# St Mary's Nursery Class

September 2022

Newsletter

## Hello

Hi everyone,  
We would like to welcome the new children and families to the nursery. It has been lovely to see our returners all set for their pre-school year at nursery and full of summer holiday stories.



## Dates for your Diary

Fri 23 <sup>rd</sup> Sept	Holiday
Mon 26 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Holiday
Tues 27 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Children return

## Meet The Groups

**Ladybirds** keyworkers Mrs Waddell  
Leon, Leja, Sean, Lucia, Maisie, Caleb

**Dolphins** keyworkers Mrs Pate & Miss Hunter  
Ronan, Charlie-James, Aylie, Rhyllie, Aria, Caelyn,  
Minnie

**Frogs** keyworker Frogs Mrs Neilson  
Matthew, Kailah, Ava-Rose, Joshua

**Butterflies** Keyworker Rosemary Coyle  
Sonny, Robyn, River, Niamh

Support Worker Mrs Mitchell & Mrs McKendry work  
with all the groups.

## Sessions

A polite request, could we please ask that you adhere to the session times 8.50 to 2.50, unless staff are aware that you collect out with these times. When parents/carers arrive at the gates unexpectedly out with session times it can cause disruption to the children who are already engaged in play and their learning within the playroom. Children should be collected no later than 2.50pm.

**If you require to collect or drop off your child outside these times could you please let staff know by phoning or at the gate in the morning.** Please can we remind parents for safety reasons, we require parents/carers to bring your child/ren to the gate (please share with whoever drops your child off) Can you please share this with anyone else who collects your child/children. Thank you.

## Support

The nursery ladies are available if you require any support. We can be contacted by phone, email and at the gate if you would like to chat, ask questions or need advice. We will try our best to support you.



## Stay and Play

We would like to invite parents back into the nursery. A stay and play session would consist of parents signing up to come along for an hour (not rigid) to see their child/ren at play. Please speak to staff if you would like to do this.

## Social Media

On Twitter please like and follow St Mary's Primary & Nursery@StMarysSeafar

## Learning in the nursery

We gained a new resource for the nursery, the children have had hours of play with these. There has been den building, cages, houses and obstacle courses lots of imaginative play going on. The children have been learning to follow the snack routine with some requiring support from staff. The staff provide new resources for the house corner where most children have been playing imaginatively looking after the babies, changing them, looking at sizes of clothes to see if they fit and cooking the dinner. In the art area the children have been exploring a variety of experiences like hand printing, water play, easel painting, gluing, chalking and gloop. In the outdoor the children have been helping Kate and Donna to dig up potatoes and carrots and tidy up the garden.

## Weather appropriate clothing

If you could please make sure your child/children are dressed for the weather when coming to nursery. New government policy says that children should be out in all weathers every day. Therefore on Rainy days they should wear waterproofs (please make sure they say that they are waterproof) and have wellingtons on.

Snow days they should wear warm clothes, hats, gloves, scarves, wellingtons or snow boots, waterproofs or snow suits.

As the weather is changing we also ask if you could look at the weather forecast before coming into nursery, and if it is sunny if you could please put on some sun cream for your children. We will be able to top this up during the day.

## Nursery fund



We would like to thank parents who have contributed to the nursery fund (yellow envelopes) and appreciate your continued support. These funds are important in enabling us to provide the children with snacks twice daily such as crackers, bread, butter, meat etc as well as enabling us to buy the children a Birthday and Christmas presents and replenish resources. This is a suggested donation of £2.50.

## Sharing learning

Please share through teams or the learning journals anything that your child/ren have been learning at home so that we can share their experiences with their peers. If you have difficulty accessing the learning journals please make staff aware.

## Safety

Can we please ask all parents to remember to close the gate when entering or leaving the nursery. If the children are outside with a member of staff when you come to collect your child can we ask that you do not open the gate as we need to keep all the children safe who are outdoors. A member of staff will bring your child to you.

## Mobile Numbers/ Email

If you are not receiving any of our text messages or emails please call the school office to check or update your mobile or email address. We only send out the newsletter by email now and would not like for you not to receive it. You can also check the school website for information too. Thanks

## Peanut Allergy



It is very important that you do not allow your child to bring in any food to the nursery.

## Contact Details

Office telephone number 01236 794828

Enquires email address is:

enquiries-at-st-marys-cumbernauld@northlan.org.uk



## Change of Clothes

Could we ask all parents to please provide a couple of changes of clothing in your child's bag. The nursery has a very limited supply of clothing as they do not always get returned. Suggested items are pants, socks, trousers and a top.

## Children's bags

Can we remind you not to allow children to bring toys to nursery in their bags. As children leave bags out in the cloakroom where other children can access. Can we also ask not to put juice or sweets in their bags. A few of our children have allergies or may choke eating them.

## Resources

Within the nursery we are looking for some resources these can be new or old (as long as they are not damaged). Please can you help.

### Organic Materials

Rocks Wood (sticks, stumps, boards, coins, branches, wood chips, cinnamon stick, pegs, beads) Shells  
Seeds (acorns, nuts, dried beans, seed pods) Pine cones Leaves Grasses (hay, straw) Mosses  
Flowers (petals) Textiles (hemp, cotton, wool, felt, silk)  
Corks Sea sponges.

### Recycled and Reused Materials

Paper (newspaper, shredded, cardboard, paper tubes)  
Containers (milk jugs, yogurt containers, metal cans)  
Textiles (sheets, shower curtains, blankets, towels, pillows) Ropes (used climbing ropes) Tyres (inner tubes) Gutters PVC tubes Buckets  
Nuts and bolts.

## REMINDERS

**Absence** - Please remember if your child is absent from nursery to call the office on the first day.

**Sickness/Tummy Bugs** – Children should not return until 48 hours clear due to passing on the infection.

**New Contact Details** – If you have changed any contact details – Address/home/ mobile number or email, please pass this onto the nursery staff or the school office. It is very important that we have up to date information in case of an emergency.