

St Mary's Nursery Class

December 2022

Newsletter

Hello

Hi everyone,
We would like to welcome the new children and families to the nursery.



Christmas Party

Santa will be hopefully coming at 1.45/2pm to the nursery (waiting to see if we can get someone). Parents are invited to come along at 1.30pm to hear the children sing some Christmas songs and to get their presents.

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.

Fund Raising

We have keyrings and magnets for sale containing your child's photographs to order. Please can you let staff know as soon as possible if you have not already ordered these. They are £1.50 each, no more orders will be taken up to and including the 15th of December so that our elves can fulfil orders.

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



Unfortunately we had to cancel our stay and play session on the 24th of November. We will have another one on the 18th of January 2023. It will start at 10am for approximately 30 minutes (not rigid). Please come along to see the children in their play.

Social Media

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

Dates for your Diary

Wed 7 th Dec	Christmas lunch
Thurs 8 th Dec &	Christmas Jumper Day
Fri 16 th Dec	" "
Tues 13 th Dec	Magican
Wed 21 st Dec	Christmas Party
Wed 18 th Jan	Stay & Play

Learning in the nursery

Within the art area of the nursery the children have been involved in a lot of sensory play, they have explored shaving foam with paint and glitter in it. A few children have been mark making with their fingers in it but most children like to squeeze it through their fingers. They have also had the opportunity to mix paint, predicting what colour they will make depending on paints mixed and so have made a variety of colours. The children have all been encouraged to help to make snack, cutting up fruit or spreading butter/jam onto a cracker or bread. They will then independently help themselves to snack. Outdoors most children have had the opportunity to go out a walk, this is a follow up from when they went to see the changes in the environment on their autumn walk. A few children went to the local shop to buy snack food.

We were given a parachute from the school which the children have really enjoyed experiencing. They particularly like lying and running underneath. Mrs Mitchell has been learning Makaton, this is to help all our children in communicating with the staff and each other, she has been teaching the children and staff basic signs. We are going to use some in our Christmas songs this year.

We have a recognition wall in the nursery where the children choose an area that we all need to work on, just now it's being kind and gentle. If staff see anyone achieving this their name is put on the wall.

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 waterproof jackets and trousers (please make sure these 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 weather 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 Birthday and Christmas presents and replenish resources. This is a suggested donation of £2.50. Please ask staff for an envelope if you require one.

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. We are looking for any donations of trousers, t-shirts, socks and pants (these would have to be new). Ages 2-3, 3-4 and 4-5 please.

Parents Meetings

Thank you to all the parents who came along to the parents meetings.

Goodbye

We are saying goodbye to Mrs McKendry who left us on Friday the 2nd of December. She has been a great asset to the team and a great support to us and the children. We wish her good luck in her new post.



We would like to wish the following child a Happy Birthday in December

Matthew, Lea, Aalya

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 48hours 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.