

# St Mary's Nursery Class

February/March 2023

Newsletter

## Hello

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



## Dates for your Diary

Thurs 2<sup>nd</sup> Mar

World Book Day

Fri 31<sup>st</sup> Mar

Nursery Closes at 2.30pm

Wed 26<sup>th</sup> Apr

Stay & Play

## Fund Raising

In March we are going to have an Easter raffle please watch out for this at drop off/pick up time.

## 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.

## 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.

## World Book Day

Children can come to nursery with their favourite book to share at nursery. They can come dressed as a favourite character from a book (optional) on this day.

## Goodbye

On Friday the 24<sup>th</sup> of February Mrs Mitchell is leaving the nursery to take up a new post, we thank her for all her work within the nursery and wish her every success in the future.

Just a wee note to wish you all well. Working in my old primary school over the last 3 years has been fun and I hope all the children have a great time here. All the best.

From Mrs Witch aka Mrs Mitchell.

## Learning in the Nursery

Within the snack area the children have been helping to prepare snack for their peers, they have been chopping up fruit with knives, counting out food like breadsticks, crackers, biscuits and cups for water/milk. We celebrated Chinese New Year and the children got to try a variety of Chinese food. The house corner also became a Chinese restaurant. They also had the opportunity to make pancakes for pancake day and after snack making playdough.

The children particularly like playing with large floor puzzles and games with some support from staff.

In the nursery the children have been interacting with new resources, they were sorting and matching loose parts like beads, sticks, bark, feathers and stones.

Children have been counting and beginning to recognise numbers using a variety of media in and out of the nursery. Some have also started to mark make numbers using chalk.



## Stay and Play

We are going to have another stay and play on the 26<sup>th</sup> of April, please put this date in your diary and come along to see your child/ren at play.

Could I please ask that any of the parents who were at the last stay and play return the evaluation forms that were given out. These help us to improve practice thank you.

## Social Media

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

## 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. When 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 that 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.

## Information

We now have wallets for each child in the nursery containing information for example letters from other services.

## Resources

We have recently used our fundraising money to purchase new resources within the playroom for the children to play with. We also bought outdoor clothes jackets, waterproofs, wellingtons and gloves. Thank you for your continued support in fundraising.

We would like to wish the following child a Happy Birthday in January, February & March

*Robyn Carson Sonny Ronan  
Charlie-James Rhylic  
River Leon*



## 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.