

St Mary's Nursery Class

August/September 2023

Newsletter

Hello

We would like to welcome back our returning children and new starts to the nursery.



Sessions

A polite request, could we please ask that you adhere to the session times 8.50am to 2.50pm, unless staff are aware that you collect out with these times. When parents/carers arrive at the gate 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.

Independence

Within the nursery staff are encouraging the children to be independent. We would kindly ask that you continue this at home. This includes getting shoes on and off, no laces please. Jackets on and off, dressing and undressing for the toilet. At times there is only one member of staff to 8-10 children to get them ready to go outdoors, so the more you can encourage independence at home the more confident your child/ren will become.

Sign In & Out

We are going to start to introduce our signing in and out sheets within the nursery. Please remember to do this before and after dropping your child off.

Dates for your Diary

Tues 19 th Sept	Child Smile
Fri 22 nd Sept	Holiday
Mon 25 th Sept	Holiday
Tues 26 th Sept	Vision screening for Pre-schoolers
Tues 10 th Oct	Stay & Play
Mon 16 th Oct	Nursery Closed
Mon 23 rd Oct	Children return

Learning in the nursery

We are encouraging independence in nursery with all children and would hope you would continue this at home. The children have been learning to put on both their indoor and outdoor shoes, jackets on/off and going to the toilet by themselves. In the art room the children have taken an interest in under the sea, playing with fish in the water tray and making under the sea artwork. In the snack room the children are still being encouraged to follow snack routine and are coping well with this. A book of the month was introduced which most children voted for, and this has been read to them a few times at story time. Outdoors the children have been interested in digging, planting and eating the strawberries they had planted last year. Most children are enjoying the sand area spending time creating sandcastles, filling and emptying containers.

We have two sessions a week to go up to the outdoor classroom behind the nursery the children have been helping to care and water the plants. Some have been performing on the stage, playing in the mud kitchens, mark making on the wipe boards and chalk boards.

Social Media



On Twitter lunch menu is available, please like and follow St Mary's Primary & Nursery@StMarysSeafar

Weather appropriate clothing

Before coming to nursery please check the weather for that day, if it is sunny please put sun cream on your child in the morning and provide a hat. Staff will re-apply sun cream after lunch



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 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 that children do not come to nursery with beads, bracelets, beaded headbands, coins, small toys and jewellery. These are a choking hazard for some children.

Can we please ask all parents to remember to close the gate when entering or leaving the nursery. Please do not let your child open the gate at any time. 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.

Information

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

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. Please put your child/ren name on their clothes. 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 donations of socks and pants (these would have to be new). Ages 2-3, 3-4 and 4-5. Can we please ask that children do not have Crocs as outdoor shoes as they are not very safe for the outdoor area.

We would like to wish the following child a Happy Birthday in August & September.



*Lucia Ivy-Rae Jack
Laylah-Mae Kailah Parker*

Parents/carers can bring a shop bought sealed cake in for the children to have on their birthday.



Stay and Play

We will be having a stay and play session on the 10th October at 1.30pm. This is where parents can come along to nursery and see their child at play and interact with their child. It would be lovely to see you all there. For any more information please ask staff.

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.