

# St Mary's Nursery Class

October 2023

Newsletter

## Hello

We would like to welcome the new starts to the nursery and a new member of staff Denise.



## 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 playground. Children should be collected no later

## 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.

## Focus Child

We have introduced a focused child approach in the nursery. Every child will get an opportunity to be the focused child. When it is your child's turn staff will give you a questionnaire a week before to fill out to help set targets for the observations which all staff will complete. It means that your child will be the focus every 8 weeks. General observations will still take place daily.

## Halloween

Our Halloween party is on the 27<sup>th</sup> October. Can we kindly ask that children come in appropriate costumes for the party. No scary masks or horror movie costumes and no props please.



## 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

Fri 6 <sup>th</sup> Oct	MacMillan Tea
Tues 10 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Stay & Play
16 <sup>th</sup> – 20 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Nursery Closed
Tues 24 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Vision screening for Pre-schooler
Fri 27 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Sponsored bounce & Halloween party

## Learning in the nursery

Playroom one, the children have been exploring the new sensory area. This is a place for the children to relax and have some chill out time. Most children have been very interested in having books read to them in the story corner by staff or with a peer. They have been practising some songs for the MacMillian tea on the 6<sup>th</sup> October, we think the promise of a cake is helping this.

In playroom two, the large block area was extended to allow the children more space to build and vests to limit the number of children in this area for safety. This gives the children more opportunity to develop their play, ideas and problem solving without interruptions.

Children were very good at recognising when there was no space left and their play was more purposeful. At the water tray there has been lots of pouring, filling and emptying. They have been asking for bubbles, putting cars and dinosaurs into play with.

Outdoors this week the children have been collecting rainwater in buckets, from the water tray and tyres. They have been busy washing the dolls with the water they have collected. They have also used the water to paint the house and the climbing frame. All the children have been working on independently putting on jackets, waterproof trousers and wellington boots.

## Social Media

On Twitter 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 raining please provide waterproof's and wellingtons.

## 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.



## Learning Journals

Every child in the nursery should now have a learning journal. If you have problems accessing these please speak to a member of staff. You are also able to add any outside achievements, memories or learning at home to the journal.

## 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.

## 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



## Sponsored Bounce

We would like to raise funds for a new outdoor climbing frame so we have hired a bouncy castle for our Halloween party for the children to participate in this. Sponsor forms to follow.

## 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 please.

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



*Aria Caleb*

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 **10<sup>th</sup> Of October at 1.30pm to 2.30pm**. 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. As the nursery is quite small we are limited to only one adult per child. 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.