

St Mary's Nursery Class

November/December 2023

Newsletter

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.

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.



Dates for your Diary

Mon 11 th Dec	Magician
Thurs 21 st Dec	Party & Santa
Fri 22 nd Dec	Nursery Closes at 2.30pm
Mon 8 th Jan	Nursery reopens at 8.50am
Thurs 25 th Jan	Stay & Play at 1.30pm

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. Please return as soon as possible as this can delay the observations.

Christmas Party

We are having a Christmas party on the 21st of December, parents will be invited to the nursery at 1.45pm to see the children get their gift from Santa. Closer to the time we will be asking for donations of food for the party. We are also looking for raffle prizes these can be handed in at anytime.

Achievements

We now have a wall display in the playroom to celebrate any achievement in and outside of nursery the children have. This could be a dance, football medal or trophy. It could be giving up a dummy or sleeping in their own bed. Please share with us. Photos can be brought in or sent to nlcoyler2@northlan.org.uk

Learning in the nursery

Playroom one, the children have shown an interest in cooking and baking. Some children had the opportunity to make soup. With support they learned to use tools like the peeler and grater to cut the vegetables. They also had the opportunity to make snacks for the Halloween party like ghost bananas and creepy crispy cakes. In this area the children like to make playdough in a variety of different colours, then spend time making pizzas, sausages and shapes.

Playroom two, at the art area the children have been following a colour mixing chart to make a variety of colours of paint. They can access the paint more independently since the paint has been put in the soap dispensers.

Outdoors children are given the choice of where they would like to play. They have been using big brushes of various sizes with water and containers. They have also used the brushes to paint all over the garden. The children had the opportunity to make bird cakes from lard and seed, they then put these all-round the garden. Exploring water all around in every area and using the containers, spades and brushes.

Family Photographs

Thank you to the parents who have already handed in family photographs these are now on display for the children to see. Can we ask those who haven't managed to, to do this as soon as possible please. You can email photographs to nlcoyler2@northlan.org.uk

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.

Fundraising

On week beginning 27th November we will be taking orders for keyrings and magnets these will be £2.00 each.

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 like to thank everyone who sponsored the children for their sponsored bounce we made an amazing £667 which will go towards a new climbing frame outdoors, this will be of the children's choosing.

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.

Procedures

In line with the care inspectorate polices and procedures, when a child is changed in the nursery their soiled clothes will be double bagged with a label and put into a sealed container in the cloakroom. If your child has been changed there will be a label on their peg asking you to see staff who will then give you their soiled clothing.

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



*Elisa Finlay Matthew Joshvik
Aalya Lea Harlow*

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

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.