

# St Mary's Nursery Class

February/March 2024

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

Thurs 7<sup>th</sup> Mar

World Book Day

Thurs 28<sup>th</sup> Mar

Nursery closes at 2.30pm

## News

Rebecca key worker to the butterflies had a baby girl, whom she called Lucy on the 24<sup>th</sup> January both mum and baby are well. Denise has taken over as their keyworker until June.



## 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.



## Stay & Play

Thank you to those parents who came along to our stay and play session. Our next stay and play will be after the Easter holidays please keep an eye out for the date.

## 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](mailto:nlcoyler2@northlan.org.uk)

## Learning in the nursery

Playroom one, the children are encouraged to help choose what they would like to have for snack and to prepare it. They are encouraged to be independent and do the dishes at the end. Some children made slime from a variety of ingredients including Chica seeds, this was left in the fridge overnight and the children discussed the changes that occurred. The measuring worms have been available to allow the children to categorise by colour, shape and size.

In playroom two, some of the children have been very interested in junk modelling and collaging. They also have had the opportunity to be consulted about what they would like out at the art area and water tray. Most children took part in painting tartan for Burns day using cars. In the water tray there was interest in frogs, fish, sponges, spoons and containers. Within the block play area the children were creating models. Outdoors some children were interested in the ice that had formed outside, they were problem solving how to break the ice and what they could use to do this. A few children were transporting the ice in trucks across the outdoor area. In the school hall the children have been enjoying playing a variety of ring games.

## Independence

Within the nursery staff we are encouraging the children to be independent. We would kindly ask that you continue this at home and when you bring/collect your child/ren to nursery. This includes getting shoes on and off, so no laces please. Jackets on and off, dressing and undressing for the toilet. At times there is only one member of staff to ten 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.

## 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.

## Respect

Please treat the nursery/school staff with respect when engaging in any discussions about your child/ren.

## 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



## Help

We are looking for parents, carers and grandparents who are good at DIY or are joiners/carpenters to help build a mud kitchen or benches from pallets. If there are any keen gardeners out there your help would be much appreciated.

## 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 policies 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 February/March.



*Courtney Amarey*

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.