

St Mary's Nursery Class

May/June 2024

Newsletter

Hello

We would like to welcome two new staff members to the nursery Angela early learning and childcare practitioner and Anna early learning and childcare support worker.



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 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.



Stay & Play

We will be having another stay and play session in the nursery from 1.30pm on the 28th May. This is only for 45 minutes to an hour. Can we ask that there is only one parent/carer per child.

Footwear

Can we politely ask that children do not wear clogs and sandals to nursery for inside or outside footwear. This is for their own safety as children have been falling in the gym hall when running. The children have a lot of risky play too with large blocks and these do not protect their feet from injury.

Dates for your Diary

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Fri 24 th May	Holiday
Mon 27 th May	Holiday
Tues 28 th May	Stay & Play 1.30pm
Mon 3 rd June	Photographer
Tues 4 th Jun	Frog's Parent Appointments
Wed 5 th Jun	Ladybird's Parent Appointments
Thurs 6 th Jun	Dolphin's Parent Appointments
Fri 7 th Jun	Butterflies Parent Appointments
Wed 19 th Jun	Graduation Ceremony (Pre-schoolers)
Tues 25 th Jun	Summer Party/Bouncy Castle
Wed 26 th Jun	Nursery closed at 1pm

Parent Appointments

Dates have been made for parents appointments if these do not suit please let staff know, we can also arrange a phone call during nursery hours for a time that suits staff. There will be appointment sheets available at drop off and pick up times.

Photographer

The photographer will be visiting the nursery on the 3rd June to take photos of the nursery children. Time has to be confirmed. If your child is dressed and prepared for the photo to be taken when they arrive for nursery.

Social Media

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

Weather appropriate clothing

Can we ask that on sunny days that you put sunscreen on your child before nursery and provide a sun hat for them.



Nursery fund

We would like to thank parents who have contributed to the nursery fund (brown 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.

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

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.

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.

Learning in the nursery

Playroom one the children have been helping with snack, developing their independence in spreading and pouring. They have been helping to take snack to the children playing outdoors. A few children were helping to prepare snack and assisting in tidying up filling and emptying the dishwashers. They have enjoyed some sensory play with shaving foam, making cupcakes, using sprinkles and marshmallows. They were discussing what it smelt and felt like. In playroom two within the art area most children have been painting pictures of 3D objects, creating props for imaginative play. A few children have been making collages with a variety of craft pieces. In the construction area a few children have been role playing emergency services by being fire fighters and police officers. They created their own slides and climbing frames with the blocks, planks and using some props that they had created in the art area to role play superheroes. In the water tray a few children have been deciding what items to add to the tray by bringing in small world characters and the dinosaurs, using a variety of jugs, buckets and sieves to fill and pour. Outdoors most children have had great fun exploring the whole environment. They found water in a natural way by exploring the tyres, tuff trays and sand trays. They put out some fresh sand independently. The children helped to put tarpaulins up and made a café area under it. They chose their own play areas too. They had a good time looking for and discovering lots of bugs and worms.

Staffing

As many of you know, there has been a restructuring in North Lanarkshire Council which impacts the nursery staff. For us this means that Miss Hunter, Mrs Neilson, Mrs Pate and Mrs Waddell will not be returning in August. They will be missed by everyone. If anyone would like to contribute to their leaving gifts, please send an envelope with a donation and a small message to either the school office or hand into nursery staff.

Fundraising

As you know that we fundraised for a climbing frame and purchased this. We are trying to source someone to build and fit this securely to the grounds in the nursery garden. If any parents/carers have a family member who is a joiner or builder who would be willing to do this it would be much appreciated.

Peanut Allergy



It is very important that you do not allow your child to bring in any food to the nursery.

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. Due to health, safety and fire regulations prams/buggies cannot be brought into the nursery.



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

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 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 children a Happy Birthday in May/June.

*Marie Roman
Ruairidh Ava-Rose*

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.