

St Mary's Nursery Class

December 2024

Newsletter

Hello

I have to apologise at how long it has taken us to put a newsletter out. We would like to welcome our two new members of staff Katie (9-1pm) and Cara Lee 11-3pm) both ladies are 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 door 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.



Sponsored Bounce

Thank you to the parents who have already handed in their sponsor forms and monies we have raised so far £402. Could we please ask any remaining forms are handed in by the end of this week.

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

Wed 11 th Dec	Magician (AM ONLY)
Thurs 19 th Dec	Christmas Party & Santa
Fri 20 th Dec	Nursery closes at 2.30pm
Mon 6 th Jan	Nursery reopens.

Family Photographs

We would like to have a display for the children with their family photographs. We still have some from the children who attended last year. If you would prefer a new one please hand it in or you can email photographs to nlcoyler2@northlan.org.uk

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 5 weeks approximately. General observations will still take place daily.

Social Media

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

Weather appropriate clothing

Can we ask that during the winter months that you provide a warm jacket, scarf, hat and gloves. If you have any problems providing these items please speak to a member of staff.



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.

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 door 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 able to add any outside achievements, memories or learning at home to the journal. Please feel free to add any experiences from home onto the journals as we love to share these with the children. It can open up a lot of discussions about shared experiences with peers.

Learning in the nursery

Playroom , children have settled well into the new nursery set up. There has been a lot of creativity in the art and craft area. Children have free choice in this area and select what they would like to have in out, from making clothes for Duplo people, different painting techniques with brushes, sponges, hands and arms. They have also enjoyed decorating the pumpkins with paint, chalk and sticking materials/ribbons to the pumpkin. They had the opportunity to paint fireworks and also make them from breadsticks and chocolate. Outdoors, we have been encouraging the children in their independence to get ready to go outdoors with putting on waterproofs, jackets, wellies. The children have enjoyed the new outdoor tap. They have been independently filling up containers. They make water slides, puddles to jump in. They also have been discovering what items float and sink.

Outdoor classroom, the children explore every area at the outdoor classroom. They play with water in many different ways from transporting, pouring, filling and spraying the hose. A few children have been wetting the chalk to see what happens to it. Then using it as paint for mark making. They found some loose parts like material, wooden wheels and posts. Some children used the material to dress up, others used it to make a monster truck.

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

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 November/December.

Finlay 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.