



# St. Andrew's Nursery Newsletter - Session 2019-2020



## Message from the Head Teacher

Dear Parents/Guardians,

I am delighted to welcome all our children and staff team back after the summer holidays. Our nursery is buzzing with positive energy and excitement for the new term ahead.

Our nursery/school App (SaintAndrewAirdrie) available from google play and app store is now well implemented and used, **we will no longer be sending out monthly newsletters**. Please ensure you have the app downloaded and notifications switched on.

Please keep up to date with all school events by following us on twitter @saintandrews3 and by visiting our school website: [blog.glowscotland.org.uk/nl/standrewsairdrie/](http://blog.glowscotland.org.uk/nl/standrewsairdrie/)

Mrs. J. Flanagan (Head Teacher)

## Welcome



We welcome all our children back to nursery. We are delighted to greet some new three year olds starting. Enrolled children will join us throughout the year as they become aged to begin nursery. Thanks to the fun transition activity prior to the holidays the children seem to have settled well.

## Opening and Closing Times

Morning Session:	Afternoon Session:
Doors open at 8.40a.m and will remain open until 9.10a.m.	Doors will open at 12.30p.m. and will remain open until 1.00p.m.
Doors will re- open at 11.40 a.m. Children must be collected by 11.50a.m.	Doors will re-open at 2.50p.m. for 1 <sup>st</sup> collection time.
	Doors will remain open until 3.10p.m.
	Doors will be closed from 3.10p.m. to 3.30p.m.
	Children must be collected by 3. 40 p.m.

N.B

- Any child not collected in time will be taken to the main office to be collected
- For security reasons we would ask that you ensure that the nursery door is closed firmly as you leave.
- Please avoid from pick ups outwith allocated times.
- These times are due to change after September 2020



# Government Increases In Funding to Early Years

From August 2020 the Scottish Government is increasing the number of funded hours your child can get in Early Learning and Childcare from 600 hours to 1140 hours a year. North Lanarkshire are phasing these hours in so we may be in a position to offer additional hours to all children. However, a date (as of August 2019) has not yet been set for this implementation. As soon as we have further information we will communicate this via letter and our nursery App. A Parent Club Letter is available to collect in the nursery explaining these changes.

## Nursery Meals Pilot



As part of this planning to increase childcare hours North Lanarkshire want to provide every child with a meal during their nursery session.

The decision has been made to trial this model with the morning children.

We have attached the menu on our nursery website and App.

<https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/nl/standrewsairdrie/files/2019/08/nursery-menu-2019.pdf>

We aim to start the trial on Monday the 19th August.



## Communication

Communication is very important to us. We urge our parents and carers to keep a close eye on our App news, twitter and our school & nursery webpage. Communication of your child's planned learning and progress will be made available in several ways:

Individual Pupil Assessment Files. These follow each child on their learning journey.	Individual (group coloured) Books containing, their work and recording their learning.	Additional Needs Files and GIRFMe plans where required.
Personal Learning Plans & Meetings	Week to view planning	Termly parent Curricular overview (available on website)
Daily visual timetable on wall	Curriculum Events	Parent Partnership Workshops
Forest Learning Events	Planning wall	Wall displays
Twitter, Nursery App, Website	Parent Meetings	Report Cards

We will seek your views on different matters throughout the year. If you wish to bring something to our attention feel free to speak to your child's key worker or please call the school and ask for a member of the management team to return your call or arrange a meeting.



# Parent Council

Our Parent council AGM will take place on 2<sup>nd</sup> September with a short presentation of the work of the school and parent council.

We are now looking for new members to support the good work the parent Council do for our school. A letter looking for interest will be issued at the end of August. Should you wish to become a member please attend the AGM to possibly secure one of the seats available.

We have a very supportive parent council with a great friendly ethos. Please contact Anthony McAllister on [Anthony.McAllister@firescotland.gov.uk](mailto:Anthony.McAllister@firescotland.gov.uk) if you would like further information.



## School & Nursery Improvement Plan

We are always aiming for excellence for the children in St. Andrew's. Last year we had a particularly successful year with many positive changes affecting learning and opportunities for all children. Our School Improvement Report reflecting these successes is available on our school webpage as well as this year's School Improvement Plan.

This year we will make every effort:

- Numeracy: To further improve attainment in numeracy/mathematics while working with the cluster to improve STEM opportunities in the N-P7 curriculum.
- Literacy: To improve attainment in literacy and English with clear processes for assessment, moderation, monitoring and tracking in writing in N-P7.
- HWB: To improve attainment and achievement via Health and Well Being focus on mental health, DYW and Resilience in N-P7.
- Nursery: Aiming for excellence in quality of care and support via family learning HGIOS 2.5

## Nursery Funds

Each week we ask for a donation of £2 for your child nursery provision. This money is used to purchase the following:

Snack – see menu on school App	Gifts for Children – Birthdays'/Special celebrations	Costumes for shows etc
Nursery Trips	Improvements to the nursery	Special events and celebration



# St. Andrew's Nursery Important Diary Dates



Please note and keep these dates in a safe place. Please be aware that as in all busy Nursery schools plans can change due to unforeseen circumstances. We want to give you as much notice as possible for important dates. There will no doubt be additional dates set as the year goes on. Any changes/updates and additional important dates will be issued via: nursery website, nursery App twitter or text message. Always act on the latest information.

August – December 2019		January – June 2020	
Date	Event	Date	Event
16.8.19	Newsletter Issued	6.1.20	Back to nursery
2.9.19	Parent Council AGM	24.1.20	Burns supper events wear tartan day
18.9.19	Curriculum Evening Meet Teacher Info in App	10.2.20- 11.2.20	February holiday
27.9.19 - 30.9.19	September Weekend	12.2.20	INSET day children do not attend school
7.10.19	Parent Council Meeting 7pm	13.2.20	INSET day children do not attend school
9.10.19	Boys Night info App to be updated	9.3.20	Parent Council Meeting 7pm
14.10.18- 18.10.18	October Holiday	W/B 23.3.20	Morning children attend school show rehearsal
28.10.19 – 1.11.19	World of Work Focus Week	31.3.20	Afternoon children attend school show 1:30pm
31.10.19	Halloween Party	2.4.20	Children presentation to parents Easter Bunny visit
W/B 4.11.19	Pupil Assessment File week	3.4.20	Easter Fun day see app info
4.11.19	Parent Council Meeting 7pm	6.4.20-19.4.20	2 week Easter Holiday
W/B 13.11.19	Parent appointments	20.4.20	Back to school
18.11.19	INSET day children do not attend	20.4.20	Parent Council Meeting 7pm
19.11.19	INSET day children do not attend	8.5.20	May Holiday
5.12.19	School Nativity rehearsal morning children invited 9:30am	11.5.20	INSET day children do not attend
10.12.19	School Nativity afternoon children invited 2pm	Spring	Parent Council Race Night TBC
12.12.19	P5-7 Joint Carol Service with Golffill All Families welcome	W/B 11.5.20	Pupil Assessment Week
13.12.19	Christmas Party Children presenting songs to parents and Santa visit	WB 19.5.20	Sports day weather permitting
18.12.19	Christmas Movie TBC	22.5.20	May Holiday
19.12.19	Final day Fun Surprise Check App times	25.5.20	May Holiday
19.12.19	School Closed 2:30pm	26.5.20	New P1 Transition see letter
20.12.19	Christmas Holiday	27.5.20	Parents appointments
		1.6.20	Parent Council Meeting 7pm
		2.6.20	New P1 Transition Maths See letter
		3.6.20	Family Forest Fun event TBC
		9.6.20	New P1 Transition Tue See letter
		16.6.20	Home to Nursery transition meeting
		18.6.20	Nursery Pre school children Graduation
		24.6.20	Nursery Fun day see info at time

Please note there will be several opportunities for parent partnership events and Forest Learning. These dates will be issued separately as they target different groups.