

August 2020

Stane Nursery Class Newsletter August 2020



Dates for your Diary 2020

*September Weekend

Children should **not attend nursery on the following dates:**

*Thursday 24th September (in-service day for staff)

*Friday 25th & Monday 28th September

*October Week

*Monday 12th October – Friday 16th October (inclusive)

*November

*Monday 16th November (in-service day for staff)

*Christmas & New Year

*Wednesday 23rd December – Tuesday 5th January 2021 (inclusive)

Dear Parents/Carers,

We are delighted to be back for the new term and it has been a pleasure to welcome back all of our returning children to the nursery and lots of new faces too!

Our new nursery building will continue to provide a safe, happy and nurturing learning environment for our children. As yet, we are awaiting our landscaping work to be completed. We are hopeful that this will begin soon which will allow our staff and children to explore our fabulous outdoor space on a daily basis!

Dropping off and picking up your child is a little different this session due to social distancing rules, we thank you all for your patience and understanding. If you have any questions or queries, please just ask a member of our nursery team or telephone the school for an appointment on 01501 826 705.

We are all looking forward to a very busy term ahead with our children!

Kindest regards

Mrs Scott & the Nursery Team

Our Learning Focus

Our primary concern for all of our children is to ensure, first and foremost, that we are meeting their social and emotional needs as they return to us or as they begin their brand new journey in Stane Nursery Class for the first time! Currently, it is of key importance that as a nursery team, we provide vast opportunities for the children to develop and strengthen relationships

with their peers and with staff. We will continue to provide a nurturing approach with a strong link between home and school/nursery and we will encourage all of our children to flourish and grow. As we progress into September, the children will be introduced to our 'All About Me' topic. They will enjoy vast learning experiences across all areas within the nursery and the staff will follow their lead to ensure that they are responsive in their planning. Our 'Learning Journey Wall' will be displayed in the cloakroom in the coming weeks, as we add information this will be shared via our school Twitter page @staneprimary.



Staffing Update

We have many new faces this session and we welcome back staff along with saying a fond farewell to staff that have moved on to pastures new within NLC.

We welcome back Mrs Lindsay in her new promoted post of **Lead Early Learning Practitioner**. Mrs Lindsay will lead and support all members of the nursery staff in partnership with Mrs Scott (Acting DHT). We welcome back Mrs Hope and Mrs McCafferty to our team. We welcome Mrs Ferrie, Miss Moody and Mrs Fisher to our Early Learning Practitioner's Team, we are delighted to have you with us. We also welcome Mrs Byrne to our team as a nursery support worker.

We say a fond farewell to Miss Brown, Mrs Baker and Mrs Donaldson. All ladies have moved on to promoted posts within NLC. We wish each of them the very best for the future.

Sessions and 1140 hours update

At the moment all children are attending Stane Nursery Class on a part time basis (Mon, Tues, alternate Wed or alternate Wed, Thurs, Fri). The session runs with staggered drop off and pick up times to allow social distancing and are as follows for each group:

Ladybirds: **8.45am & 2.45pm** Bumblebees: **8.50am & 2.50pm**

Caterpillars: **8.55am & 2.55pm** Dragonflies: **8.45am & 2.45pm**

Butterflies: **8.50am & 2.50pm**

We will continue to run with the part time model until we receive further information from NLC regarding the transition to 1140 hours. When we do make the move to a full time (term time) nursery, your child will be able to attend nursery five days per week from 8.45am till 2.45pm. We will keep all parents updated.

Thank you all for your continued support.

Mrs Scott & the Nursery Team

Gentle Reminders.....

Snack Money/Donations

We ask parents to make a donation of £2.50 each week to enable us to buy healthy snacks and resources for the children to enjoy at nursery each day. Snack money is collected on a Monday.

At this time we are unable to accept food/resources donations due to COVID-19 regulations. We appreciate your understanding and support.

Hand Washing Procedures

Your child will engage in regular hand washing/sanitising throughout the session. They will wash their hands/sanitise before entering the playroom, before and after snack/lunch, after going to the toilet, before and after going outdoors and at the end of the nursery session.

Snack and Lunch

As your child is enjoying a whole day session, they will receive a morning and afternoon snack. They will also receive a lunch. This is a Snack2Go at the moment and consists of a filled sandwich, milk/water, piece of fruit, yoghurt/biscuit. When we move to the 1140 hours, your child will enjoy a hot cooked lunch. More details to follow.