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 **St.Augustine’s Nursery Class**

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Dear Parent/Carers,

I am delighted to issue the first St.Augustine’s Nursery Newsletter and to welcome you and your child to our new nursery. It is a very exciting time for the school as we work towards ensuring the nursery team feel members of our school community and we get to know all the new children who have joined our learning community. It has been wonderful to see how quickly all the children have settled in to their new environment and how well they are responding to nursery staff. Your children are simply wonderful!! I am quite sure those sentiments are echoed by the nursery staff who have worked tirelessly to create an inviting nursery in our temporary accommodation. We are most grateful to the staff at the Time Capsule for being so accommodating and addressing all our needs. Hopefully, it won’t be too long before all building work is complete and we can all move into our new nursery accommodation within the school. Having direct access to the school grounds will be a great asset. We even have a wonderful big tree to help the children mark the changing seasons!!

Please do not hesitate to contact Lead Practitioner Vicki Dunn to discuss concerns or contact myself by e-mail – ht@st-augustines.n-lanark.sch.uk

Kind Regards

*Mrs. Caroline Docherty*

Head Teacher

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**Your child’s attendance**

Please make sure that your child attends nursery regularly. Nursery is a great time to start building a habit of good attendance. Studies show that good attendance in nursery can set a good pattern for attending school later. Interacting with adults and peers in the nursery setting greatly supports children’s social and communication skills. Please **always** contact the nursery if your child is absent for any reason.



**Contact Numbers**

We may need to contact you urgently if your child becomes ill at nursery. Please ensure contact telephone numbers and those of emergency contacts are up to date. Please ensure that your mobile is always switched on (even if on “silent”), whenever possible.



**Important dates for your diary:**

**October 2020**

October break: Monday 12 October 2020 to Friday 16 October 2020 (inclusive).

**November 2020**

In-service day: Monday 16 Nov 2020, Nursery closed

**December 2020 - January 2021**

Christmas and New Year Holidays: Wed 23th Dec. 2020 to Tues 5 January 2021 (inclusive)

**Child illness**

Please can we ask that your child does not attend nursery if they have a raised temperature, a severe cough or lots of sneezing. Children can come to nursery with a mild cold, as long as they are well enough to play. If you child has diarrhoea or vomiting, please keep them away from the nursery until they have been clear for 48 hours. Please always contact the nursery if your child is absent for any reason, particularly if they are unwell, as we may need to let other parents know should precautionary measures be required. Please be aware that should you require to self isolate due to testing positive or if you have been contacted by Trace and Protect you and your household must self- isolate for 14 days. These are the current guidelines for North Lanarkshire – please see Coronavirus (COVID-19) local advice and measures for updates.



**Spare Clothes/Personal Belongings**

We would like to remind parents/carers to please bring a spare change of clothes for your child’s bag in case your child requires change for any reason. Please ensure children have appropriate clothing for the weather such as **raincoat** and **wellingtons.**

**We also ask that you label all your child’s clothing, shoes etc. to ensure they can be identified if misplaced.**



**Nursery Fund Donation**

This is a reminder that our Nursery fund is 50p per day or £2.50 per week. This money can be paid weekly, monthly or termly. It should be deposited into the bank in the foyer.

This money is used for snacks, baking materials, resources. Christmas, graduation and other things that we do not get funding for. Without your continued support we would be unable to undertake these activities.



