# St. Lucy's Nursery Newsletter November/December 2018



#### Autumn is almost over and we're braced for winter!

We are well on our way through autumn and winter is now almost upon us! We are enjoying this season and all of the wonderful opportunities for learning that it brings with it. We're also getting excited about winter and all of the enjoyable experiences that we have planned!

#### Focus for Learning

Our focus for learning over the coming weeks is Emotions through the theme of "Our Feelings in Colour". Our planned learning includes the following:

#### LITERACY

As I listen and take part in conversations and discussions, I discover new words and phrases which I use to help me express my ideas, thoughts and feelings. LIT 0-10a

I enjoy exploring events and characters in stories and other texts, sharing my thoughts in different ways. LIT 0-19a

Within real and imaginary situations, I share experiences and feelings, ideas and information in a way that communicates my message. LIT 0-26a

# **NUMERACY**

I can match objects, and sort using my own and others' criteria, sharing my ideas with others. MNU 0-20b

# HEALTH & WELLBEING

I am aware of and able to express my feelings and am developing the ability to talk about them. HWB 0-01a

I am aware of my own and others' needs and feelings especially when taking turns and sharing resources. I recognise the need to follow rules. HWB 0-23a

# EXPRESSIVE ARTS

I enjoy singing and playing along to music of different styles and cultures. EXA 0-16a

# **TECHNOLOGIES**

I explore everyday materials in the creation of pictures/models/concepts. TCH 0-10a

# Our SHANARRI focus throughout November and December is - NURTURED "I have a nurturing and stimulating place to live and grow."

#### Achievement Assembly

Well done to all the boys and girls who received awards at our latest Achievement Assembly! We are very proud of all of your achievements at home and in nursery. Photos of our achievers can be seen on our nursery wall in the cloakroom and on twitter. If your child has recently achieved something special at home/from a club please remember to let the nursery know so we can celebrate his/her success at our next Achievement Assembly.

#### **Twitter**

If you have not already done so could you please request to follow our twitter page (@stlucysnursery) and advise your child's key worker when you have done this. We regulary update this with information of dates/events and children's learning and it is a great way for our nursery to communicate with parents.

#### Outdoor Learning

We pride ourselves on being an all weather nursery, and actively seek to encourage children to access all learning environments. This means that they will be offered daily access to our outdoor area in all weathers (with obvious allowances given to risk assessments where weather is considered to pose heightened risk, such as high winds, storm and excessive ice). With this in mind, please dress children suitably for outdoors, and be prepared that outdoor fun can sometimes be dirty - old shoes and boots are perfect for outdoor play in nursery!

# Forest Kindergarten

Our visits to our Forest Kindergarten have proven to be a wonderful success so far this year! Our children enjoyed many wonderful opportunities to access the forest in order to enhance their learning within a natural environment. The second group of children are now coming to the end of their session, which is due to finish at the end of November. More information will be provided for the next group before their sessions commence in January, and all parents will be kept fully informed as to their child's involvement.

#### Parental Involvment Wall

Your thoughts and ideas are very important to us and with this in mind we have a new Question Time displayed on our Parental Involvement Wall. Pens and sticky

notes are also provided for suggestions on how we could improve resources and experiences throughout the nursery in order to facilitate interests.

#### Parent Council

Many thanks to St. Lucy's Parent Council for the very generous donation towards our Children's Entertainer who will be visiting the nursery on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December.

### Congratulations!

A huge congratulations to Miss MacDonald for achieving her BA Childhood Practice degree earlier this year. The staff and children at St. Lucy's Nursery are very proud of her achievement!

#### **NOVEMBER**

Thurs 28th - Christmas Fayre/Dress Down Day

### DECEMBER

Fri 6<sup>th</sup> - Nursery Christmas Show (10.30am/1.45pm)

Tues 17th - Visit from Santa

Thurs 19th<sup>th</sup> - Nursery Christmas Party & Children's Entertainer

Thurs 19th - School Closes for Christmas

#### **JANUARY**

Mon 6<sup>th</sup> - Nursery Reopens 8.40am

Thurs 9th - Nursery Enrolment (10am/2pm)

w.c. 13<sup>th</sup> - PLP Reviews (appointment times to be confirmed)

Fri 17th - Block 3 of Forest Kindergarten begins

Fri 24th - Scottish Day

#### \*\*\* JANUARY\*\*

Enrolment will take place in January for all children due to begin Primary 1 in August 2019! Details of enrolment arrangements for all local schools will be issued at a later date.

Many thanks for your support throughout 2019 and we look forward to working with you all in 2020. Have a wonderful time with your families!

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

from all at St.Lucy's.



# Please direct any comments, complaints or concerns to:

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Here at St. Lucy's Nursery we welcome any feedback and suggestions you may have on the service we provide. Please fill in the space below should you have any comments or issues you wish to be addressed:
Additionally, we welcome any comments on what you would like to see your child learning in Nursery -
"What do you want your child to learn?"
We like to celebrate your child's achievements both in and out of nursery.  Please note any achievements your child has celebrated recently, for example learning to swim, riding a bike, tying shoelaces etc.
Signed (optional):