



WHITELEES PRIMARY NURSERY CLASS



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Stay Safe



As you will be aware, the number of cases of COVID-19 are unfortunately on the rise, it is therefore essential that adults comply with the Scottish Government advice given and follow FACTS:

F - Face coverings. These must be worn at all times during drop-off and collections times. Please speak to a member of the Management team if you are exempt, to help avoid any misunderstanding.

A - Avoid crowded places. Please adhere to the time stated on your letter to ensure that there is minimum numbers of adults in the building during drop-off and collection periods.

C - Clean your hands regularly. Hand sanitiser is provided at the door for you and your child and this must be used on entering/exiting the building to help stop the spread of the infection.

T - Two metre distance. Please ensure that you maintain a safe distance from other adults in the building. If you wish to speak to your child's Keyworker contact us via telephone and we can arrange for this.

S - Self-Isolate if anyone in your household displays COVID-19 symptoms. Please remain at home and contact NHS to book a test. It is also essential that you contact the nursery to advise us of this.

We also ask you to collect all artwork, letters and jackets from your child's peg at the end of each session to ensure that all communal areas are thoroughly cleaned each evening.

'It's good to be ME'

This term has been spent getting to know the children, learning about their interests and development needs through observation and discussion during play and by working in partnership with families. The recent Personal Learning Plan meetings were well attended and we thank you for speaking with your child's Keyworker and sharing valuable information with us. In November we aim to provide more information on your child's progress through a formative report. The children have also recently been introduced to their individual learning profiles, this shows the skills they have been developing at nursery and at home.



Outdoor Play



The children have been enjoying their time outside, in all weather conditions, learning about the importance of keeping active and the benefits outdoor play can have on our health and wellbeing. We have recently received temporary fencing to ensure the children have the opportunity to explore outside everyday, this will be erected each morning with risk assessments carried out to ensure the safety of all. We will, however, continue to make use of the local area, including the swing park, as this has proven to be popular with all children. We ask you to ensure that your child is dressed appropriately for the weather.



Visits to Whitelees PS



With the extension at Whitelees Primary School now well under way, the children have been taking the opportunity to regularly visit the builders at work on our new nursery. On our visits we have been taking photographs of the progress being made and from these making our own timeline and learning more about the jobs being undertaken and machinery used. The children are also becoming familiar with the staff in the school, thus supporting their transition when the building works are complete and we transfer into our new purpose build nursery. We will continue to keep you updated on this!



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Halloween

Friday 30th October will be our first Halloween party at Whitelees Nursery Class. On this day the children will participate in some spooky learning experiences, games, dancing and be provided with some treats to enjoy for snack. They are most welcome to come along dressed in a costume of their choice, however, we kindly ask that no masks are worn, as some children can become upset by these. It is also essential accessories (swords/wands) be left at home due to current restrictions on items being brought into the building.



Toy Fund

To enable us to provide the children with a variety of snacks, new resources, offer events and celebrations we kindly remind you, where possible, if you could contribute £2.50 each week to the nursery funds. This can be placed in the bank, which is located each morning and afternoon in the corridor area of the building. Thank you!

Absence

If your child will be absent from nursery for any reason, we would appreciate it if you could call the nursery mobile to inform us of this or speak to us in person if this is known beforehand. A reminder that exclusion periods can apply for different childhood illnesses, if you are unsure of these please call and check.

It is important to note that children should remain at home if they are experiencing sickness and/or diarrhoea and can return to the nursery 48 hours after the last bout. We appreciate your cooperation.

Thank You!

A special thank you to all our children and families for playing their part in our Mad Hatter's Tea Party. Much fun was had dressing up, sporting hats and crazy hair. An amazing £67.15 was raised for Macmillan Cancer Support.

Another thank you to Whitelees Parent Council for their generosity and providing us with our own teapots and will be used in our garden area to help us to care for our flowers and plants we hope to grow. Another kind gift recently given by them was several tuff trays, these are being used to contain the different materials we explore in our sensory and imaginative play.



October Break

A reminder Whitelees Nursery Class will be closed from Monday 12th until Friday 16th October.
We reopen on Monday 19th October
Wishing you all a lovely holiday - Keep safe!

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