** Moncreiffe Primary School**

**Nursery Newsletter**

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 **Welcome**

We hope you had a good summer and we are pleased to say that the pupils have settled back into the nursery routine. A big welcome goes to our new boys and girls who have recently joined us; we look forward to a busy year working with you and your families.

**Your Views**

**![C:\Users\BBoyd\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Windows\Temporary Internet Files\Content.IE5\O1JR3O85\MC900446286[1].wmf]()**We have issued a questionnaire, about the service we provide, to parents who had children in nursery last session. The findings will let us know what you think is going well and what we can do to improve. Thank you if you have already returned your questionnaire. If you still have one to complete could you please return it by Fri 6 Sept.

A questionnaire will be issued, in a few weeks to parents whose children who have just started nursery. This questionnaire will focus on your child starting nursery and again will give us valuable feedback to help us improve our service.

**Curriculum**

We will give you information about; what we are learning and some of activities we are doing in nursery this term. If you feel you are able to support us in any way it may be resources or practical support you can give. Please speak to the nursery staff. A letter will be going out to all parents in school asking about parent volunteering, so look out for that soon.

This Term:

* ![MC900391406[1]]()We are learning about ‘Ourselves’ – Have you seen our paintings and drawings on the wall?
* We are going to be looking at ourselves, our family, our favourite colour, foods, things we like to do etc.
* We have a lovely apple tree in our garden and as part of our science work we will be learning all about apples.
* We are learning traditional nursery rhymes and simple number songs i.e. 5 Green Speckled Frogs
* We are introducing a ‘Sharing Time’ at the start of the nursery session, you could use this time to share your child’s learning folder or to stay and play with your child. Please add your name to the timetable in the nursery or speak to the nursery staff.

 **Who Is Responsible For Your Child in Nursery?**

![MC900088956[1]]()Every child in nursery has a Key Worker. This will be Miss Cameron, Mrs Ferguson or Mrs Sutherland. You will find a list of key workers and children allocated to them on the nursery notice board. The role of the Key Worker is to take responsibility for tracking your child’s development and achievements and discussing their progress with the Headteacher and yourselves. However, you can speak to any member of staff about your child and they will pass the information onto the Key Worker.

![MC900281102[1]]()**Clothing**

**Gym Days** – We will have times in the gym hall on the following days: Wednesday A.M session and Thursday P.M session![MC900389350[1]]()

![MC900440405[1]]() Please remember to leave a change of clothes in case of accidents.

We go outside in all weathers so please dress your child appropriately, remembering our changeable weather.

![C:\Users\BBoyd\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Windows\Temporary Internet Files\Content.IE5\ZH9PSTQV\MC900351201[1].wmf]()As we are encouraging children to become more independent could you please provide your child with footwear that they can manage to get on and off themselves or with minimum help.

**![C:\Users\BBoyd\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Windows\Temporary Internet Files\Content.IE5\TPXTD28E\MP900405236[1].jpg]()**![MC900413552[1]]()**Snack and Toy fund money**

 Snack and toy fund money is £2 per week or £18 up to the October holidays- Please use the envelopes provided. Thank you to those who have already paid.

Toy equipment fund- We have purchased a new projector for the nursery that will allow the children to use the Smart board without the problem of shadows that we previously had. Hopefully it will be installed soon. The school have also purchased a new laptop for the nursery.

**Absence and Collection of Children**

Please phone school if your child is absent. (472333)

If your child is getting collected by a different adult please inform the nursery staff.

Nursery times morning session 9:00am – 11:30am

Afternoon session 12:40pm – 3:10pm

![C:\Users\BBoyd\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Windows\Temporary Internet Files\Content.IE5\TGQFLEQI\MM900336373[1].gif]()**Photographer**

The photographer will be in school on Wed 2 Oct to take individual and family pictures. You will receive information about times to come along if you want family pictures taken.

**Nursery Meetings and Events**

![C:\Users\BBoyd\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Windows\Temporary Internet Files\Content.IE5\Y4JXGZKT\MC900438207[1].wmf]() **Coffee morning/ afternoon** - We are holding a nursery parent coffee morning and afternoon on Wed 11 Sept to which you are all invited. The coffee sessions will be held between 9.00am -10.00am and 2.10pm -3.10pm in the school GP / kitchen room. Just come up to the main entrance after dropping off your child. This will be a chance to get to meet other parents in and informal setting and also meet some of the school staff.

**![C:\Users\BBoyd\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Windows\Temporary Internet Files\Content.IE5\Y4JXGZKT\MC900251473[1].wmf]()Nursery Parent Workshops-** We will be holding nursery parent workshops during the morning and afternoon on the following dates: 6 Nov, 11 Dec, 12 Feb and 30 April. The Early Years Development Officers will help run the sessions and we will canvas you soon for themes that may be of interest. Last session we held stay and bake sessions with parents and children, which were a great success.

**Whole School Curriculum Evening-**There will also be a curriculum workshop evening for all parents in the school on Wed 9th October. The staff will run a series of workshops to give parents more information about the curriculum and life of the school. You will receive more information about this soon.

**Nursery Consultation -**These sessions are planned to give to a chance to meet with one of nursery staff that has specific responsibility for your child (Key Worker). The nursery staff will arrange specific times with you. The consultation weeks are; weeks beginning Mon 18, 25 November and Mon 17, 24 March

**Communications**

** Web** site. You can view the school website <https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/pk/MoncreiffePrimarySchool2>

 The website will be updated and refreshed in the coming weeks!

**Text Message** We are now able to text parents with important messages via our ICT management system. Please keep us up to date with any changes to your mobile numbers to ensure that you get the messages.

**Parentline** We are able to send out documentation to parents via an e-mail link. We call this service Parentline. All future newsletters and messages will mostly be sent to parents using this method. Paper copies can always be requested from the school office. Please keep us updated with any **changes** to your e-mail address.

The next Parent Council AGM meeting will be held on Mon 2 Sept 7.00pm. All parents/carers are welcome to attend.
Follow us on twitter @moncreiffeparent

Friends of Moncreiffe (FrOM) is the school’s parent and staff association who work together to raise funds for the school and organise fundraising and social events.  The FrOM AGM was held on Tuesday 27 August where Hannah Blair took over the chairman role – for a full list of committee members and the chair report please contact us using one of the methods below. We will be selling Peel2Save cards this year (local discount card) so look out for them at school events – just £10 each and the school receives £5 back from each sale.  We will also be hosting Halloween parties on Friday 1st November – save the date and look out for more information nearer the time.

If you are interested in joining the committee and supporting the school then please just get in touch – next meeting is on Tuesday 24 September, 7-9pm in the school.

Contact us via Facebook – Friends of Moncreiffe or by email – friendsofmoncreiffe@hotmail.co.uk or leave a message at the school

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**Diary Dates**

A full school calendar is issued with this newsletter. The following dates relate to nursery this **term**.

Coffee Morning afternoon-Wed 11th Sept 9.00am - 10.00am and 2.10pm -3.10pm

Nursery Parent Workshops-6th Nov, 11th Dec, (time tbc)

Photographer Wed 2nd Oct families and individual

Whole School Curriculum Evening -Wed 9th Oct

Harvest Festival in Church- Thu 10th Oct 2.00pm

October Holidays – Mon 14th Oct – Fri 25th Oct

Nursery re-opens Monday 28th Oct

In-Service Days –Thursday 14th and Friday 15th November (No nursery)

Nursery Consultations- Week beginning Mon 18th, 25th November

Nursery Xmas Party –Fri 20th am Dec (am and pm group together)

Nativity concert Nursery- P1 Tue 17th Dec 2.00pm

School Xmas Service church Thu 19th Dec 2.00pm

