



## Bushes Early Learning & Childcare Class Nursery Newsletter - September 2019

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Here we are at the start of session 2019-2020. A warm welcome to those of you who have just joined us and welcome back to our pre-school children and their parents. Our monthly newsletters will keep you up to date with what is going on in the nursery and give you details of future events.

### Staffing Details

I (Donna McConnell) am Depute Head with responsibility for our Nursery and Primary 1 - 3. I work closely with the nursery staff to ensure that your children are happy, having fun and learning!

Margaret McKinney (Senior Early Learning & Childcare Officer) is responsible for the day-to-day management of the nursery. Kerry McGrow, Angie Main, Libby Reid, Barbara Gillespie & Sharon Richardson are our Early Learning & Childcare Officers. Lauren Steele and Rachael Murchie are our Early Years Support Workers. Dorothy Lockhart and Claire Dolan (Clerical Staff) and Robert Clannachan (Janitor)

help to ensure our nursery runs as it should.

All staff involved in the nursery work incredibly hard and are greatly valued by Craig McCrorie (Head Teacher) and myself.



### Physical Activity

Within our nursery we like to ensure that your child has the opportunity to take part in a range of physical activities on a daily basis. Each day there are indoor and outdoor activities planned and the Pupil Council choose particular resources each week. We have P.E sessions within the school gym hall and dining hall throughout the week and the children are also involved in movement to music sessions using Sticky Kids. We would ask that your child has a suitable jacket with them each day as the children will play outside daily unless the weather is extremely bad. Children should also wear shoes, both within and out with the nursery, which allow them to be active. In line with council policy, children cannot wear **any** jewellery especially earrings when involved in physical activity.

### Curriculum Evening

Just a reminder that our Curriculum Evening is on **Wednesday 11 September** (between 5.00pm and 7.00pm) in the nursery. As well as giving you information about the nursery curriculum, you will have the opportunity to chat with staff. We hope you will be able to attend.

### Library Programme

We have started our library programme to encourage the children's interest in books and to develop literacy skills. We would hope that you would take this opportunity to sit down with your child for five/ten minutes and discuss the book with him/her. Books will go home on a Wednesday and should be returned the following week. We will impress upon the children the importance of caring for books and we would appreciate your cooperation, reinforcing this at home. We look forward to working in partnership with you throughout the year.



### Local Environment

We will be taking small groups of children out walks in the local environment - to the shops, park, library, supermarket etc. on bright dry days throughout each session. Please ensure your child has a jacket and shoes for walking. We will need some extra pairs of hands when we take the children out. We will put up dates of our walks in the foyer and we would ask you to sign up if you are available to come with us. Your help is greatly appreciated, without it these walks may not be possible.



<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Uniforms</u></b></p> <p>I'm sure you'll agree that our uniform looks fantastic. Bushes Nursery polo shirts and sweatshirts can be purchased from School Wear Made Easy (28 Wallneuk Road, Paisley). We also have our pre-loved uniforms available within the nursery. Please ask a member of staff for more details.</p> <p>On the subject of uniforms, can I please ask that you put your child's name on each item of uniform that they have, including sandshoes. This will save the nursery staff a lot of trouble!! Also children <b>must</b> change into indoor shoes before entering the nursery.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Annual data/consent forms</u></b></p> <p>To allow your child to participate in certain activities it is essential that we have your consent. We would ask that you return these forms to us as soon as possible.</p> <hr/> <p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Parent Council Meetings -</u></b> <b><u>Next meeting 3/9/18</u></b></p> <p>Any parent is welcome to attend these meetings, which are for nursery and school parents. Meetings are usually held on the first Tuesday of every month at 6.30pm in the school staff room.</p>	
<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Nursery Fund</u></b></p> <p>Our voluntary nursery fund is £3.50 per week for children who attend five sessions. This money is used for a variety of purposes such as buying food for snacks and baking ingredients, treats for the children, new resources, printing of photographs etc. Office staff collect this money every Wednesday at the start of the session. If you would prefer to pay on a termly basis, rather than weekly, then that is not a problem. Cheques should be made payable to Bushes Nursery.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Dates for your diary:</u></b></p> <p>Wednesday 11 September - Curriculum Evening</p> <p>Friday 27 September - Holiday</p> <p>Monday 30 September - Holiday</p> <p>Wednesday 9 October - Parent's Evening</p> <p>Friday 11 October - In-Service Day</p> <p>Monday 14 - Friday 18 October - Holiday</p> <p>Monday 21 October - Pupils Return</p> <p>Monday 2 December - Holiday</p>	
<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Visual Screening</u></b></p> <p>All our pre-school children will take part in visual screening this term. This will take place during the nursery session and parents do not attend (dates to be confirmed).</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Not in nursery please!</u></b></p> <p>Please do not allow your child to have chewing gum in the nursery. Not only is it dangerous for the children if they are involved in physical play but it often finds its way on to the carpet and cannot be removed! Also, we would ask that children do not bring their own toys to nursery. This can cause many problems!</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Ramps</u></b></p> <p>Please can I ask that if you bring your child's bike/scooter with you to collect your child, you do not allow them to go on the ramps outside the nursery or Primary 1 class. I know it looks fun and is very tempting, but it is a distraction to the children in the Primary 1 class. We also don't want anyone hurting themselves. Thank you!</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Keep us informed</u></b></p> <p>Please let us know if you change address, have a new telephone number or want to update your emergency contact details. We would also ask that you contact us if your child is going to be absent. If we are not informed, in line with school policy, we will contact you to establish the reason for absence.</p>		



### Need to talk!

At Bushes Nursery we pride ourselves on the good relationships that we have with parents. If, for any reason, you want to talk to any of the staff then feel free to do so at the start or end of any session.

We can also arrange an appointment for you to speak with a staff member if this would be more appropriate.

You can contact us by phoning **0300 300 0149**.

### Vision

**Bertie says "Blossom at Bushes"**

### School Aims

**At Bushes we aim to: -**

- Be our best
- Understand everyone's feelings
- Stay happy, safe and healthy
- Have fun learning
- Encourage teamwork
- Save our planet



### Fundraising

Our funds in the nursery are getting rather low (very, very low actually!) and so we will be having our annual fund raiser soon. The money we raise is used for treats, Christmas gifts, new equipment and resources. These resources are not cheap and often we cannot afford to purchase them from our budget.

On Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> October your child will be taking part in a Rainbow Walk which will be our main fundraiser for the year. This event should be a lot of fun and will hopefully help us to raise a lot of money. It will also be a lovely way to end Term 1. Further details about this event will be issued shortly.

### Fire Drills

All children will take part in a fire drill this term. It is essential that all our children participate in these drills each term. We will talk to the children prior to their first drill to ensure that they know what is happening when the siren goes and what they should do when they hear it. This should stop children from being alarmed when the siren goes.



### Child Protection

All staff are involved in annual training in Child Protection. Copies of a leaflet entitled 'Protecting Children - A Guide for Parents and Carers' is available within the nursery. If you ever have concerns about a child it is your responsibility to report them to the school, social work department or police. Contact numbers are displayed in our foyer and our Child Protection Policy is located within our policy folder.

### Allergies

I know it's a lovely gesture, but due to some of our children having allergies, can I please ask parents to avoid bringing cakes and treats to nursery for birthdays. Instead of making cakes to celebrate birthdays, we now have a birthday box. Thank you for your understanding.

### Reminder of session times

Our morning session runs from **8.40am until 11.50am** and our afternoon session from **12.20pm until 3.30pm**. Children in our **Green Group** will attend **8.40am - 3.30pm (Monday & Tuesday)** and **8.40am - 11.50am (Wednesday)** or **12.20pm - 3.30pm (Wednesday)** and **8.40am - 3.30pm (Thursday & Friday)**.

We appreciate that many of you have children within the school, therefore we have an informal drop off between 8.40am and 9am and collection between 3pm and 3.30pm, allowing you to choose a time that suits you best. Can we please ask that all children are collected from nursery no later than 11.50am (morning session) as this allows staff to prepare within the quick turnaround for the start of the afternoon session at 12.20pm and also no later than 3.30pm (afternoon session) as staff require time at the end of the day for paperwork and planning. Thank you for your support.

If there is anything you would like us to include in our next newsletter then please let us know.

Regards,

Donna, Margaret, Kerry, Angie, Libby, Barbara, Sharon, Lauren & Rachael



### PARENTS/CARERS COMMENTS SLIP

Please remember to share your children's achievements from home with us. All of our new children have settled in to the nursery routine and have made new friends!

I would like more information about \_\_\_\_\_

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Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Child's name: \_\_\_\_\_