



Heriot Primary School Nursery Class
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Newsletter 4
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Snack Donations

Thank you to parents who continue to pay the weekly snack donation of £3. Some parents wish to pay termly and as this is a 9 week term it would be £27. This money helps us provide a good variety of snacks and also helps with resources for the children. We appreciate that not everyone is able to donate and some can donate smaller amounts. There is no pressure to make a donation so please just donate if and when you can. We will put out a box with envelopes at pick up and drop off times where you can put your donations in. Thank you for your support.

Registration of Infant Beginners in Primary Schools Session 2021-22

Children who reach 5 years of age between 1 March 2021 and 28 February 2022 inclusive should be registered for school this week. This year it is being completed online. The form can be found at www.renfrewshire.gov.uk/p1registration and is live until the 9th November. If you have any problems when completing this please contact the school office- 0300 300 0158.

Tummy Bugs and Winter Viruses

As some tummy bugs can be infectious please note that your child should not return to nursery until at least 48 hours after the last sign of vomiting or diarrhoea. Could you also please phone to let us know your child will be absent.

Information in Emergencies

We make every effort to maintain a full educational service, but on some occasions circumstances arise which lead to disruption. Schools may be affected by, for example severe weather, temporary interruption of transport, power failures etc. In such cases, we will do all we can to let you know about the details of closure or reopening. We will keep in touch using letters, text messaging, notices in local shops, churches and community centres and on the school and council's websites, announcements in the press and on local radio. To help us keep you informed it is important that you make sure we have the most up to date emergency contact information for your family. If you have recently changed your contact details please let us know as soon as possible.

Face Coverings

Following new guidelines I have to advise you that all parents/carers must wear a face covering, unless exempt, when dropping off or collecting children at the nursery gates. Thank you for your support in trying to keep everyone safe.

Parentpay

It is important that parents register for parentpay as we are moving on to this cashless system on 24th November. Letters were sent out recently from the council with details and activation codes. If you need any help with this please phone the school office for advice - 0300 300 0158.

Christmas Panto and Parties

Our Christmas activities will look a bit different this year however we will ensure this is still a fun time for the children. We have booked an online Christmas Pantomime (Robin Hood and his Socially Distanced Men) which the children can watch within the playroom via the smartboard. The 'Take Away Theatre Group' who are recording the panto visited us last year with 'Donald, Where's yer troosers' and they were excellent. Christmas parties will still take place.

Covid Christmas

Unfortunately, due to current circumstances, a number of things that we usually do this term simply cannot happen. Particularly in regards to Christmas. As non essential items should not be going between home and nursery we will, unfortunately, be unable to allow the exchanging of Christmas cards or gifts in the nursery. Sadly, we won't be able to have our Nativity. We understand the disappointment however we have to follow the guidelines to try to keep everyone safe. We do have some Covid friendly Christmas fun lined up however this is currently TOP SECRET!

Dress up Crazy for Xmas Day

The school usually participates in Christmas Carol Singing at the Paisley Centre in aid of Ronald McDonald House. As we cannot perform this year, due to covid restrictions, we are having a 'Dress up crazy for Xmas Day' instead. We ask that the children wear something xmassy (as crazy as you like) on the last day of term, Friday 18 December, and to bring a small donation for Ronald McDonald House. Staff/parents may also wish to participate!

Christmas Fayre

This event has always been a huge success, very much enjoyed by everyone and it is a large part of our fundraising activities. As our annual sponsor and the fayre have been cancelled we can only hope that circumstances may change and we will be able to do something later in the session.

Consulting with Parents

If you haven't already done so could you please send in your request about what you would like your child to learn. Please message this in via Seesaw.

Change of Clothing

Could you please ensure that your child comes to nursery with a change of clothing in their bag. We are very short of spare clothing within the nursery at the moment.

Work Going Home

We will encourage your child to display their artwork with the playroom but they will still be allowed to take some work home that they are really proud of. This allows you to also see what your child has been learning about during their time at nursery.

Learning about Autumn

The children have been showing a keen interest in the changes taking place in their environment. We have discovered that these changes are taking place because the season is changing. It is now Autumn!! During local walks and outings we have been identifying and recording these changes. Please help further this interest at home.