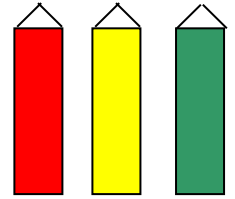


Ralston Early Learning and Childcare Class



Dear Parent

Nursery Car Park

The safety of our children is of paramount importance. Please be considerate and careful when parking, ensuring you are not blocking **pavements** or using the **disabled bays** if you are not a blue badge holder. We appreciate your support with this.

Attendance

During the winter months, colds and infections can be more common. Please keep your child at home if they are unwell.

If your child is going to be absent from nursery, please telephone the nursery before the session starts to inform staff. In the event that no phone call has been received by 9.15 am or 12.45 pm an automated text message will be sent to your mobile asking you to call the nursery giving reasons for absence. We appreciate your support with this as it helps to ensure the safety and well-being of all the children.

Lunch Reminder

If your child has lunch at nursery, could we please remind you to avoid items such as fizzy drinks, nuts, lollipops and boiled sweets in your child's packed lunch box. If giving fruits like grapes or cherries could these be cut in half to reduce the risk of choking. Thank you for your co-operation.

Curriculum

In the snack area the children have had the opportunity to peel and chop a variety of different fruits to prepare snack. They also prepared and cooked potatoes and turnips for Burns Day. The children made soup, chopping, peeling and cutting the vegetables and talking about healthy eating.

Over the past few weeks our role play area has been transformed into a castle and a pirate ship, based on children's ideas in the floorbook. The children have been developing independence skills with the dressing up costumes.

Lots of children enjoyed watching and taking part in some Scottish dancing. We have investigated Scottish customs such as haggis, neeps and tatties, tartan, kilts, bagpipes and Scots rhymes. We have been learning about pattern and created our own tartan designs. We made Scottish flags and learned that Paisley is in Scotland.

Lots of children have shown a particular interest in 'real tools' and have enjoyed using them to practise their fine motor skills by taking apart small electrical items such as a television, at the tinkering table. During block play, children have had lots of opportunities to work as a team and are beginning to point out when good teamwork has taken place.

World Book Day : We are celebrating on Wednesday 4 March 2020



To promote literacy and reading for enjoyment with the majority of our children, we will celebrate World Book Day in nursery on **Wednesday 4 March**. Children are invited to come to nursery dressed as a character from their favourite book. We are also inviting children to bring in their favourite book.

If you would like to be a mystery storyteller, please leave your name on the form in the foyer. Although we can be flexible with the times – we would be grateful if you were able to come at 11.00 am or 3.00 pm.

Spring Parade

Children will participate in our short Spring Parade on Wednesday 1 April 2020 at 11.00 am and 2.00 pm in the school hall. **One adult per family is invited to come along, as space is limited.** For this event, we will join together with Primary One and Two children. A ticket will be issued to you nearer the time. (Please note only one ticket per family for parents who may also have children in P1 or P2 or two children at nursery).



Pre School Children

As we creep towards Spring and Summer, we are planning ahead already. Our pre-school children will be presented with a tie in June at our presentation ceremony for the Primary School they will attend. There is no need for you to purchase one.

Parents Committee

If you can spare a few hours to assist with fundraising and would like to join our Parents' Committee please complete the slip attached and return to your child's key worker.

Stay and Play

Any parent who wishes to Stay and Play with their child in nursery, for half an hour, should add their name to the list in the foyer. Unfortunately, we can only accommodate 2 adults at each session and are unable to accommodate siblings.

Outdoor play

Our children are outdoors every day – please ensure that they bring suitable warm and waterproof clothing for this. Your help is greatly appreciated.

Pick up Times

To minimize disruption in the playroom at pick up time, it would be helpful if parents and carers could stick to the following times;

Full Day Children – Doors will open between 2.55-3.10pm

Afternoon Children – Doors will open between 3.30-3.40pm

Thank you for your continued support.

Nursery Fund

As you are aware we will ask for a donation of £2 per week or £24 in total for our nursery fund. This allows us to enhance snack, purchase baking ingredients as well as have fun days and parties. This is paid through Parentpay and were possible we would be very grateful if all parents could ensure they are up to date.

Thank you for your continued support.

Mary's Meals

Once again we are involved in helping children in Malawi. You can help by donating items such as those undernoted. Most of these items you may already have at home. Thank you for your support with this very worthwhile cause.

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| ✚ Old backpack/school bag | ✚ Toothbrush/toothpaste |
| ✚ Pencil Case | ✚ Spoon |
| ✚ Shorts/skirt/t-shirt or dress | ✚ Towel |
| ✚ Flip flop/Sandals | ✚ Exercise Book/Notepad |
| ✚ Tennis Ball | ✚ Pencils/Pens/Crayons |
| ✚ Soap | ✚ Ruler/Sharpener |



Diary Dates 2020

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| • 4 March | World Book Day |
| • 1 April | Spring Parade |
| • 3 April | Holiday |
| • 6 – 17 April | Easter Holidays |
| • 20 April | Nursery Reopens |
| • 6 May | In Service Day |
| • 7 May | In Service Day |
| • 8 May | Holiday |
| • 22 May | Holiday |
| • 25 May | Holiday |
| • 26 May | Nursery Reopens |
| • 29 May | P1 Induction in School |
| • 24 June | Nursery Presentation |
| • 26 June | Nursery Closes 1pm |



Yours sincerely

K Montgomery

Kerry Montgomery
Acting Depute Head Teacher

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Nursery Parents' Committee

I would like to join the Nursery Parents' Committee

Parent's Name: _____

Signed: _____

Child's name: _____

Date: _____