



St. Catherine's Nursery Class – Busy Bee Room Newsletter February 2016

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2 Year old Places

We currently have spaces within our Daisy Room. If you are aware of a parent who would like to apply for a place please encourage them to pick up an application form from the school office. Please see below for the criteria for a place.

- **Income support;**
- **Job seekers allowance (income based);**
- **Employment and support allowance (income based);**
- **Incapacity benefit or severe disablement allowance and**
- **State pension credit.**

A place can also be supported by a referral from your Health Visitor, for more information or advice please speak to the school office or one of our Nursery staff.

Wee Blether!

We would like to invite all parents/carers to our nursery's 'Wee Blether' on **Thursday 28 January at 10.45am/3pm**. Mrs Kissell would like the opportunity to spend time with you and have a chat over a nice cup of tea! Please try to come along.

Open Day

This term our open day will be on 16th March 2016 and we will continue with the open door policy on that day. Further information to come in our March newsletter.

Stay and Play

This term we would like to invite you in to nursery to stay and play with your child. This is a wonderful opportunity for you to spend quality time with your child and their friends and to experience a morning/afternoon in nursery. Your children will very soon be coming home with some questions to ask you about what you would like to do when you come in for your visit to nursery. Please spend time talking to your children about this. We look forward to seeing you!

Password

Please remember to supply your child's Key Person with a password if they are being picked up by someone else thank you.

Change of Clothes

A reminder to all Parents/Carers to keep a change of clothes in your child's bag, thank you. Please provide your children with soft shoes to change into. It would be beneficial for your child to be dressed in clothing which is easy for them to manage to encourage independence when using the toilet. Please label all of your child's clothing, thank you.

Donation

Thank you to all who very kindly donate. This month your donations have paid for a selection of snacks for our children each day, outdoor resources and regular outings using public transport.

Notice Board

Please remember to have a look at our notice board this will update you with what your children have been involved in each day and any new developments in our room.

Absences

Please remember to phone the nursery mobile if your child will be absent from nursery, thank you.

Fund Raising

This term's fund raising event is a pyjama day on the 31 March 2016. This is a favourite with our nursery pupils. The cost of this is £1 per child and it will go towards our nursery funds. This is of course as always voluntary, thank you for your continued support.

Forest Kindergarten

Our forest area continues to develop and the children are thriving learning out in the fresh air. Please ensure your child comes to school in old, **weather appropriate** clothing to enable them to enjoy exploring the great outdoors.

Dogs in the playground

Can I please remind you that there should be **no dogs in the playground** this can be clearly read on the signs at the entrance to the school. This is for many health and safety reasons and we would also ask you to think of some of our younger children who are afraid of dogs.

Door safety

It has been brought to our attention that some of our parents/carers have been opening our main door to let others enter the nursery. Please note that it must only be a member of nursery staff that opens the door to other adults this is of course for security reasons.

Late pick ups

Please note that if you are late to pick up your child to the nursery they will be taken over to the school's front office area.

The nursery operates two session times:

Morning:

8.45 a.m. - 11:55 a.m.

Afternoon:

12:45 p.m. - 3:55 p.m.

Monday to Friday term time.

Learning Experiences

This term your children have been having fun learning about people who help us and staying safe we even enjoyed a visit from the Scottish Fire Service. Your children are involved in weekly mind mapping sessions and this allows us to base our topics around their interests. If you have anything that you could bring to this topic please speak to one of our nursery officers and let them know your ideas!

Diary Dates

January

28 Wee Blether am parents/carers 10.14am
Wee Blether pm parents/carers 3pm

February

12 In-service day
15 Holiday
16 Holiday

March

16 Open day
21 Stay and Play
25 Holiday
28 Holiday
31 Pyjama day

April

1 School closes at 2.30pm
18 Pupils return to nursery today

Achievements

We encourage your children to tell us about their achievements out with school we are sure that we do not know about lots of things however big or small, for this reason we would like your help. If you feel your child has accomplished something for the first time, improved in something or has achieved an award please let us know by completing the slip below. This will be shared with all the children during welcome time and added to our achievement records.

I would like (name) _____

To be recognised for his/her achievement in _____

He/She _____

Parent/ Carer signature _____

Date _____

