



St. Catherine's Nursery Class Newsletter November 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.

Staffing

I am delighted to announce that Sharon O'Donnell has now joined us as our new permanent nursery officer. I am sure you will join us in making Sharon feel very welcome and that she will be a fantastic addition to our team. We are also delighted to welcome students Charlene Barilli and Donna Grimley from West College Scotland.

School Registration

Registration for children due to begin school in **August 2016** will take place on **Wednesday 11th January 2017 (A-L) and Thursday 12 January 2017 (M-Z) from 1.00pm - 3.00pm**. Children must be enrolled for school using the name which appears on the birth certificate, which must be produced at the time of registration. The school handbook will be available from the school office at this time for anyone who wishes a copy.

Weather

Please ensure that weather appropriate clothing is worn as your children will be involved in outdoor learning every day. As the weather can be quite mixed at this time of year a waterproof jacket and sensible footwear should be worn. Providing your child with a change of shoes to leave in nursery would be very much appreciated.

Absences

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

Password

If you are not collecting your child from nursery and it is not someone we know we will ask you to provide a password. The password will change each time this happens.

Bookbug - Busy Bee Room

Due to the success of our recent Bookbug sessions they are due begin again next week. Sessions will take place for our am parents on a Tuesday morning 9am-9.30am and for our pm parents on a Thursday afternoon 1pm-1.30pm. We encourage you to come along if you can and enjoy storytelling, rhymes and songs with your child.

Daisy Room and Busy Bee Room Open Day

This terms Open Day will be on 17th November 2016. This is a fantastic opportunity for you to see what your child has been learning and for them to talk to you about their work. More information will go up on to our Parent Notice Board in the coming weeks.

Families First

Our first workshop was a great success with many parents attending and enjoying socialising over a game of bingo and receiving information and books from Bookbug. Well done to our hamper prize winners! This week's session focus on saving energy and upcycling and I am assured that you will receive great advice on how to save money on your heating bill! There will be tea and coffee available and another hamper raffle prize. Please add your name to the list at the entrance.

Parent Group

Thank you to the parents that attended our first meeting. Our next meeting is planned for 3pm on Friday 2nd December this will allow for our parents that have children in the school to attend too. Tea and coffee will be available and we will provide activities for any children that come along too.

Fund Raising

This terms fund raising event is to 'Wear something Christmassy' will take place on Thursday 15th December. This can be anything from a Santa hat, Christmas jumper, socks or a decoration from your tree! The cost of this is £1 per child and it will go towards our nursery funds. This is as always voluntary, thank you as always for your continued support. We would appreciate any donations towards our Christmas hampers that we are planning to raffle off at our Christmas Show.

Learning Experiences

This term your children have been having great fun learning about the season of Winter. The pupil's choice topic for this term is musical instruments if any of our Parents/Carers or even siblings/grandparents can play an instrument and would be willing to share this with our children please see Teresa, thank you.

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.

Christmas Party

Your children can come to nursery in their Christmas Party clothes on Friday 16th December 2016. Children will enjoy party games and treats and I believe a special visitor will visit the nursery too!

Christmas Show

This year our children will perform a selection of Christmas goodies for your entertainment on Monday 19th December 2016 11.15am/2.15pm. All families will receive two tickets free of charge additional tickets can be purchased for £2. Tickets will be distributed and go on sale week beginning 5th December.

Transition

As part of our transition programme our pre-school children will be visiting Primary 1 on a weekly basis starting next week. This will allow for a seamless transition and for your children to develop in confidence, and to be secure and happy in their new surroundings.

Thank you

To thank you for all of your donations, support and involvement in our nursery we have booked Liz Murray and The Magic Toy Box for your children as a Christmas treat. This is free of charge and will be paid for from our Nursery funds.

Dates for your Diary!

November

- 17 Open Day
- 30 St Andrew's Day Holiday

December

- 12 Liz Murray
- 2 Parent Group meeting
- 15 Wear something Christmassy
- 16 Christmas Party
- 19 Christmas Show
- 21 School closes for Christmas break 2.30pm

January

- 5 Pupil's return

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: _____

