



Wallace Nursery Class

January 2018 Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a great end to 2017 and a wonderful start to 2018 we have had at Wallace Nursery! Our children continue to demonstrate themselves as confident individuals in everything that they do! I hope you enjoy reading about the goings on in the school and nursery.

Christmas Activities

Our Christmas celebrations were wonderful at Wallace Nursery. The children in the morning and afternoon classes performed wonderful nativities for their families and friends. Well done to everyone involved and the staff for their hard work preparing for this. The children also had great fun at their Christmas parties.

Staffing Update

We will be delighted to welcome Mrs Brooker to her new post as Depute Head on Friday 9th February. She has already spent time visiting the school and supporting our infant registration process. I know she will be warmly welcomed to Wallace and will be an asset to our team!

A Message from Mrs Brooker

"I am delighted to be joining Wallace Nursery Class and Primary School as Depute Head Teacher. Having been to visit on a number of occasions I can see what wonderful pupils, staff and families I will have the opportunity to work alongside. I will be joining the staff on Friday 9th February and working with them during the In-service Day and I will start with the pupils on Wednesday 14 February. I look forward to getting to know everyone over the weeks to follow and if I can be of any help please do not hesitate to contact me."

We were sorry to see Miss Marcos, our Inclusion Support Assistant, leaving us this month. She was offered a job in her home village in Spain. We wish her well in her new post.

Asda Tokens for Nursery

We are delighted to be one of the chosen community projects for Asda. Please ask for green tokens at the till and vote for Wallace Nursery and we could win £500!

Reminders and Information

- Snack donation is £2.00 per week. This is due to be paid on a Monday preferably. Parents can also pay termly if that is easier.
- Pre-school eye tests are on Tuesday 6th February in the nursery.
- Gym day is a Tuesday for morning and afternoon children. Slippers are not advisable as they can be slippy on the hall floor, plimsoles would be better. These can be left in a bag on their coat pegs.
- Parent's appointments will be given in March with details to follow.
- Please remember to sign your child in when dropping off at nursery and make sure that staff are aware if someone new is coming to collect your child.
- Please telephone the nursery staff to advise if your child is going to be absent.
- Please discourage children from bringing toys to nursery as they can become very upset if they get lost.

Vision and Values Update

We continue to consult and develop our ideas for our new school vision and values. Thanks to the ten parents who came along to the workshops and the 65 parents who completed our online survey! We are now consulting the pupils and hope to have our vision and values finalised soon.

Parent Council

You will have read about the recent changes to our Parent Council. The new structure, which is now in place, will be an overall Parent Council with sub-committees working on different areas. I would like to take the opportunity on behalf of the school to thank Sarah Kidd, Lucy Harkins and, in particular, Nicola Jackson for their hard work and commitment to their roles over the years. I know how much the school and its pupils have benefited from the support, time and enthusiasm they have given to the PTA. I would also like to thank the new members for their commitment to their new roles and Kenny Campbell for continuing to support the school in the role as chairperson. I look forward to working with the Parent Council over the coming years to ensure the best possible experiences for the pupils of Wallace Primary and Nursery.

Fair Trade Fortnight

We are delighted to be involved in Fair Trade Fortnight and the children will be undertaking a variety of activities linked to Fair Trade. The nursery pupils will be looking out for Fair Trade logos. These activities will be celebrated with a Family Fair Trade Coffee Afternoon on Friday 9th March and we would like to invite you to join us. Your child can join you from his/her class or nursery for a Fair Trade drink and snack for which there will be £1 entrance fee to cover costs. To try and organise numbers, families of pupils with surnames A-L will be welcome from 1pm - 2pm and M-Z from 2pm - 3pm. We hope you can support this event.

Pupil Name _____
Parent Name _____

I would be interested in stay and play in the morning.

Stay and Play

We would like to invite parents to 'Stay and Play' at nursery. This will give you an opportunity to see your child in his/her nursery environment and join in with some nursery activities. Family learning and parental engagement are very important to us and we hope to continue to develop our positive relationships. Stay and play would be on a Wednesday 11am - 11.40am for morning pupils and 3pm - 3.40pm for the afternoon pupils. Please complete the slip below and we will be in touch with a date.

<u>Dates for your Diary</u>	
8/2/18	Family Fitness Taster
9/2/18	In service Day
12/2/18	Holiday
13/2/18	Holiday
23/2/18	Fair Trade Assembly
9/3/18	Fair Trade Coffee Afternoon
26/3/18	Easter Service led by P5 P5 Parents Welcome
26/3/18	Nursery Parents Evening
29/3/18	STOP FOR SPRING BREAK
16/4/18	School and Nursery Re- open
23/4/18	Parent Council Meeting

I would like to remind you of our open door policy at Wallace. Please don't hesitate to contact me at any point.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

Susan Dalrymple
Mrs Susan Dalrymple
Head Teacher

I would be interested in stay and play in the afternoon.