

Ballantrae Early years Newsletter

September '26

Welcome Back

Welcome to a new academic year in nursery, we hope that you have all had an enjoyable summer break. It is lovely to see the children back in nursery and to see how well they are settling back in. As well as returning faces we also have some new children joining us and would like to welcome Lucy, Juliet, Esmée, Fionn, Rome and Finlay.

As always, we will do our best to keep you updated with what is happening in the nursery through your child's Learning Journal, the EduSpot App and our EY Facebook page.

Should you wish to speak to a member of the team we are available at the start and end of nursery sessions. Messages can also be sent to us via your child's Learning Journal. If you aren't already a member, please speak to a member of staff about joining our private Face Book page.

Our staff notice board will be updated regularly so you can see who will be supporting your children in our nursery each day. Miss Clark, Mrs Kosak, Mrs MacKintosh, Miss Baillie, Mrs Brough and Mrs Anley

Family Photographs

We like to make our playroom feel homely and a safe place for our children, one way we can achieve this is by putting photographs of familiar family members on the wall. Could you please send us a family photograph, either through Learning Journals or as a copy for us to display for your child.

Our Learning

We are working with the children to create a nursery charter. This charter is made up from the things that the children feel are important to help make the nursery a safe and happy place for them to be. We will share our charter with you once it is completed. We are supporting the children to help them settle back into the routines and daily life of nursery. For example, snack and lunchtime routines.

We are enjoying lots of opportunities to sing songs and play games which support our children's counting and number recognition. We will share links and ideas for supporting this at home through your child's Learning Journal. Through your child's Journal we will share regular updates of your child's learning. We would love you to share with us any achievements from home. Please post pictures to your child's Journal and we will share them together in nursery.

Care Plan Appointments

An appointment timetable will soon be available for you to arrange a time to come and meet with staff to review your child's targets and to discuss how they are getting on in nursery. The timetable will be sat out in the cloakroom for you to choose a convenient day and time.

The first appointment slots will be for our Anti-pre school children only, and these appointments will be during the week beginning the 14th September.

Pre school appointments will be issued after the September long weekend.

Forest Kindergarten

Forest Kindergarten will take place each Friday. The children will continue to visit the land opposite the school and the river for outdoor learning. Primary 1/2 and Mrs Brough will also be joining the nursery each week for Outdoor learning. All outdoor clothing is provided by the nursery for all children, however if you prefer your child can use their own wellies and waterproofs. We are happy for parents to pop over and see what we get up to anytime.

We will share our outdoor learning adventure through our FB page and Learning journals

Signing In

Please remember to complete the sign in sheet at the start of each session, stating who will be collecting your child. This is located in the cloakroom. If this changes please contact the office to let us know.

Snack and Lunches

We plan our snack menu for the month ahead with the children. This menu is displayed in the cloakroom so you can see what your child is eating for snack each day.

If your child brings in a packed lunch from home this must be decanted in to a nursery box which will be kept in the fridge. Parents and carers are asked to come in to the playroom and put your child's lunch in to a nursery lunch box.