



## Kirklandpark Nursery Class 2024-2025 Newsletter 2



The nights are drawing in and there is certainly a nip in the air. We hope you are all keeping safe and well as we head towards the festive season.

### **Dressing for the weather**

Our children are continuing with their outdoor learning in all weathers, we have our own warm jackets and wellies the children can wear when in Nursery to enable them all to access the outdoor area. If you have not already done so, please provide your child with a spare change of clothes to be kept in their nursery peg bags. We also ask that you label all your child's clothing, especially jumpers and cardigans.

### **Planning Ahead for Inclement Weather**

Those of you who have lived in Strathaven for some time will be aware that the weather here can deteriorate with travel conditions becoming very difficult quite quickly.

Should the weather deteriorate, any decision to keep the school and nursery closed prior to 9am will be communicated via any mode that is accessible to us. Please note that this is dependent on where we are (i.e. if we're stuck on the roads, we may not be able to access these). This will include the school app, learning journal, school and council websites. It is also likely to be announced on local radio.

Please be aware that on some occasions a decision may be made to defer opening until 10am. This happens when the Council anticipates that staff will be able to get to school and nursery, but it may take longer than usual due to road conditions.

Often the roads around Strathaven become grid-locked when there is heavy snow. A decision to defer opening can happen quite late as the situation can change very rapidly. This can be up to 8.30am if staff are stuck in the surrounding roads.

If in the lead up to 10am the situation changes and it becomes apparent that the weather is declining further or staff are unable to get to school and nursery, further communication will be sent out via the modes outlined above (which can be accessed).

It may be necessary to close the school and nursery at short notice during the school day, if the weather takes a significant turn for the worse.

If this happens, we will contact you by sending out a message on the school app, learning journal and by telephone. Please note that the only other official sources of information would be from South Lanarkshire Council themselves or via the local radio or news.

If the school and nursery are closed mid-way through the day, we will not release children unless collected by an adult. Please make your way to the nursery as safely and quickly as possible. Should you be some distance away we would be most appreciative if you could arrange for a friend, neighbour or family member to collect and care for your child until you get home. This will enable our staff to make their way home safely too. Please phone to let us know if you have authorised somebody other than yourself to collect your child.

It is essential that we have the correct contact phone numbers, please let us know if there have been any changes.

### **Lunch ordering**

The children's lunch orders must be delivered each morning to the kitchen by 9.30am. If your child is arriving later than this to nursery, we ask that you contact us ahead of their arrival to advise us of their order to ensure it is included.

### **Toys from home**

Can we please ask that you encourage your child to keep their toys at home.

### **Christmas Fair**

We are looking forward to the P.T.A Christmas Fair on **Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December**, doors will open at 6.30pm. There are lots of fantastic stalls ranging from children's enterprise crafts to Tombola and Raffles.

### Bookbug

Every month Audrey from Strathaven Library visits the nursery to carry out a Bookbug session with the children and we would like to invite you to come along and join us from **10am to 10.30am**. To ensure that we have enough space for everyone we have split this into 2 key worker groups at a time and ask that only one parent/carer per child attends.

Our next session is: **Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> December 2023 - Butterfly and Bumblebee Groups**

### Stay and Play Sessions

Our next session will be on **Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> December**.

**Butterfly and Bumblebee Group Parents/Carers** are invited to attend **10am-11am**.

**Caterpillar and Ladybird Group Parents/Carers** are invited to attend **1.15pm-2.15pm**.

### Christmas Jumper Day

On **Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December** we are going to be raising money for Radio Clyde's Cash for Kids. In exchange for £1 the children can come to nursery dressed in their casual clothes and Christmas jumpers. If children don't have/want to wear a Christmas jumper they can wear something less festive. The donation can be handed to nursery staff.

### Nativity - Mary's Knitting - Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December 9.30am

The children have started to practise for their Nativity, which will be on **Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December**. We will have tea/coffee in the gym hall from 9.30am for a 9.45am start. Children should already have received any words they have to learn for this. Each family has been allocated 4 tickets and we look forward to seeing family and friends on the day. There will be a raffle after the show, we welcome any donations for this.

### Christmas Lunch Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December

This year our Christmas lunch will be held on **Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December**. Please note that the 'normal' lunch menu, including sandwiches, will not be running on this day and any children not wishing to have a Christmas lunch should bring a packed lunch from home.

### Christmas Party

We are having a Christmas Party and will have a 'special visitor' to distribute presents. This will take place in the gym hall in the afternoon. Parents are invited to join us in the gym hall at 2pm to see their child receive their present. We are aware some parents may wish to collect their child to change them into their party clothes before the party starts therefore children can be collected at 11.15am and be returned to Nursery by 12.30pm.

### Last Day of Term

Don't forget that nursery and school close at **2.30pm** for all staff and pupils on **Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December**.

### Dates for your diary

Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> December	Christmas Fair
Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> December	Bookbug - Butterfly and Bumblebee Groups
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> December	Stay and Play
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Jumper Day
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> December	Nativity
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Lunch
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> December	Nursery Party
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	DVD Afternoon
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> December	School and Nursery Close at 2.30 pm
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> January 2025	School and Nursery re-open
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> January 2025	Bookbug - Ladybird and Caterpillar Groups