

Love of Learning

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**Learn Together, Laugh Together, Be the Best You Can!**

**Nursery Newsletter 2, October 2019**

Dear Parents and Carers, it is hard to believe that we are yet again at the end of another term ...time certainly does fly when you are having fun and we are having great fun in St Elizabeth's. Our new children are wonderful and are settling so well and our returning children continue to be just as wonderful and contribute so much to our nursery in so many ways.

### **Nursery Charges**

Further to last month's newsletter, we have had revised guidance re charges in our nursery. The table below details South Lanarkshire Council's charges should children be in nursery for longer than their entitlement.

Minutes	Charge		Minutes	Charge
5 mins	£0.27		35 mins	£1.87
10 mins	£0.53		40 mins	£2.13
15 mins	£0.80		45 mins	£2.40
20 mins	£1.07		50 mins	£2.67
25 mins	£1.33		55 mins	£2.93
30 mins	£1.60			

### **Learning Journals**

We are implementing Learning Journals within our nursery this session and some of you may remember them from a couple of years ago when we trialed these. This is an online tool that will allow us to share information with yourselves about the day-to-day learning that is taking place in our nursery. We are hoping to begin to go live with this next term and will let you know when we have a date for this.

### **Snack Donation**

Our weekly snack donation remains at £2.50, thank you all for your support with this. Snack donation money goes towards snack, tubs for storing snack/cling film, treats for our children (party goodies) and small replacements for any items in the nursery that may get broken or

lost. If anyone is able to help by donating any items of dried food, that would also be appreciated. Items such as crackers, oatcakes, breadsticks, etc would be very helpful.

### **Parent Pay**

We currently have 80% of our parents now signed up to Parent Pay. If you have still to do this, please can we encourage you to do so asap. All of our transactions are now done through Parent Pay and your support in ensuring you have access to this is crucial for the development of our nursery.

There is no need to add or store debit or credit card details in Parent Pay but it does require a Direct Debit mandate to be authorised by your bank before payments can be collected (up to 3 working days normally or 6 working days for initial setup). This allows customers who do not have credit facilities to make online payments and enables new automated payment processes (e.g. auto top-up).

You can now pay money into the nursery via bank transfer, this enables parents to pay directly from their bank account and it is guaranteed by the Direct Debit service.

### **Can you help us?**

We are looking for any help at all with Christmas donations – would you be able to help us by donating any of the following please?

\*wrapping paper, baubles, Christmas decorations, Christmas plates, tablecloths, etc?

\*we are also hoping to create Christmas Hampers and so any donations of goodies that could go in to these would be wonderful. Thank you so much for any help you can give us.

### **Fundraising/Donations**

Our recent Cake and Candy/Tombola Fundraiser raised a grand total of £222.47, this is a great amount and will go towards small world items for our nursery. We have also had a very generous donation of £1000 from Carrigans towards our garden equipment. Thank you to Mr Carrigan for personally coming to our nursery and presenting us with this wonderful amount. We will be spending this on new outdoor equipment for our children to enjoy



## **Dates for Your Diary**

We have Fluoride Varnishing booked in for our children on Mon 21<sup>st</sup> October 2019.

**Our next fundraiser will be on Wed 30<sup>th</sup> October.** That day we will be celebrating Hallowe'en and children can come to nursery dressed in their costumes. We are having a Pumpkin competition – design your own pumpkin and be as creative as you like. For the donation of £1, you will receive a raffle ticket (hopefully a lucky one!!) and your pumpkin will be entered into our prize competition. That afternoon we are also having a Nursery Bingo session starting at 1.45pm followed by a Hallowe'en parade from our children at 2.30pm. We hope you and your families can come along and join in the fun and we look forward to seeing you.

## **Other**

Please remember to leave a bag in nursery with a change of clothes for your child in case of any accidents – bags should include socks, pants and a packet of baby wipes please. We are running very low on spare items in our nursery so any donations of hand me downs would be greatly appreciated and can we ask that any clothes given from the nursery are returned to allow us to keep a spare stock within our nursery.

It is crucial that we continue to build on and develop children's independence skills during their time in nursery – shoes that they are able to put on and off easily are a great help. No laces please as this is time consuming for staff and almost impossible for children. Slip-on or Velcro strap shoes are always the best bet and we appreciate your help and support with all of this.

We hope you all have a wonderful October week and look forward to seeing the children return on Mon 21<sup>st</sup> Oct.

Best wishes

Miss MacPhee and the Nursery Team  
Head Teacher





