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

**Nursery Newsletter 3, November 2019**

### **Our Fundraising**

Our recent fundraising has been a great success and thank you so much to all our families and friends for supporting our events. Our Wear it Pink day raised £57.21 for Breast Cancer and our Halloween Bingo and Coffee Afternoon raised £319.19 for nursery funds. This is just fantastic and helps to support our nursery so well. Children had a great, fun filled day with lots of treats at their Hallowe'en party. Many thanks for your support with snack money which helps us to then buy goodies and treats for our children. The children thoroughly enjoyed the movie morning and that was a great success for them.

Our Christmas fundraising fun will begin shortly – can you help with any donations for our Christmas Hamper or with a raffle prize? Thank you very much for any support you can give us.

### **Winter Weather**

As the weather is now turning considerably colder, all children need a hat, scarf and gloves as they are outside every day. Every child should also have their own bag with spare clothes in nursery in case there is a need to change them during the day. If there are any spare clothes that you wouldn't mind donating to the nursery, we would be delighted to accept them as our stock of spare clothes is now very low. Thank you for your support and co-operation with all of this.

### **Contact Details**

Please keep us updated of contact details so that in the event of an emergency we can get hold of you. Many thanks for your help with this.

### **Allergies**

We have several children with particular allergies in our nursery, one of these being latex so balloons, etc, are not permitted in our nursery.

### Dates for your Diary

**Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November** – 1.30pm we have our nursery sponsored walk in the shape of a Tartan Toddle! The children are welcome to come to nursery wearing something tartan on Friday and parents and families are very welcome to join us.

**Monday 18<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> November** in-service days – **Nursery and school closed due to in-service days.** Back to business as normal on Wednesday.

**Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December - Nursery Christmas Extravaganza** (we are getting very excited about already!) The format of the day looks like this -

<b>9.00-9.30am</b>	Mince Pies Tea and coffee lunch hall.
<b>9.30am-10.15</b>	Christmas Bingo in lunch hall.
<b>10.15am-11pm</b>	Gym Hall Carol concert for all children – <b>Entry only with ticket</b> 3 tickets per family/£1 per ticket, ticket is your entry into our hamper draw. Tickets available to purchase through parent pay until Sunday 1 <sup>st</sup> December, after this we will advise you of any further availability should you require more tickets.
<b>3pm-4.30pm</b>	Christmas Fayre in nursery – All families and friends very welcome

**Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> December** Pre Schoolers Orthoptist Screening 9.30am – Please note you **need to complete the opt out part of the information sheet** given out if you do not wish your child to be examined.

**Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> Dec** Christmas Lunch Day

**Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December** Nursery closed for elections

**Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December** Nursery Christmas Party Day

**Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December** Nursery closes for Christmas holidays at 2.30pm

**Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2020** Nursery re opens after Christmas holidays

### Parent Pay

We currently **have 79%** 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 you to pay directly from your bank account and it is guaranteed by the Direct Debit service.

### **Forest Schools**

Our children are participating in Forest Schools each week and are having a wonderful time in Eddlewood Woods. We have also begun our Buddy programme for next session with our P6 children participating in Forest Schools with the nursery children. They too are having a ball! Many thanks to Debbie, Stephen and Louise for all the work, time and dedication they are putting in to this to make it so enjoyable and rewarding for our children.

### **Learning Journals**

Thank you for returning the Online Learning Journals information to us. We will begin to use this programme as a way of sharing information with you about the day-to-day learning taking place in our nursery. We are hoping to go live from Monday 25<sup>th</sup> November!

### **Nursery Fund Committee**

We have created a Nursery Fund Committee to help us plan the expenditure of the money raised through fundraising events as well as from Funds/Doations, etc. Our Head Girl and Head Boy from school, Eilidh and Luke are part of this Committee. We will give you regular updates about decisions made and what we hope to spend our very precious fundraising money on.

### **Enrolment for School**

Children who will be 5 before the 28<sup>th</sup> Feb 2021 need to be enrolled for school in January. The enrolment week for South Lanarkshire is 13<sup>th</sup> January 2020. We allocate 10 minute appointment times throughout that week. Please contact the school office on 285080 or speak to Amanda to arrange an appointment time.

That's all for the moment, please continue to follow us on Twitter and on our App as there are regular updates about our nursery and school.

Best wishes to all our families

Miss C MacPhee and the Nursery Team

