



BATHGATE E.Y.C. NEWSLETTER - NOVEMBER 2014

Dear Parents/ Carers.

At the start of the week, our friends at Acredale visited to collect the harvest gifts donated by children and families who attend here. Thanks to all who supported this initiative.

We have also been selling poppies since the beginning of November in support of POPPY Scotland, ahead of Remembrance Day on November 11th. These are available for sale in the foyer. The children will take part in a special activity for Remembrance Day on Tuesday 11th November by planting some poppy seeds in the garden.



Parents Group/ Craft Group

A group of parents are getting together on Wednesday mornings/ afternoons to make lovely crafted products for the Christmas Fair. It is not too late to become involved, so please speak to Mrs Todd if you would like to join in the creativity.

The Christmas Fair will take place on Thursday 20th November from 2.30pm—4.30pm. We are still looking for stall holders so if you know anyone who would be interested, please let us know.

Staffing

During Miss Anderson's absence, Ms Kirsti Allardice continues to cover the green group for both morning and afternoon sessions. Because of an increase in numbers in the afternoon, Mrs Kerri Mathieson has joined our team, and will be taking the purple group in the afternoon. Our NC student, Dionne Horribine from West Lothian College, is with us two days per week, and Louise Todd, a B.Ed. student from the University of Strathclyde will be with us until the beginning of December.

WINTER BUGS

Everyone will be aware of the various winter bugs which are going around . Please

remember the W.L.C. guidelines re sickness and diarrhea —children must not

return to nursery until 48 hours after the symptoms have ceased. Thorough hand washing and personal hygiene should be followed by all parents/carers and children at all times.

If we all adopt this approach we will help to keep our families and staff sickness free. The nursery staff and the link Health Visitor , Yvonne Smith , will be happy to provide any further advice should it be required.

What are we learning about in November?

The children really enjoyed their visit from Five Sisters Zoo last week, learning more about nocturnal animals as we move into the colder months. They are extending learning outdoors by investigating frost and cold weather indoors and creating their own icy pictures. The bubbly puddles outside are a great source of excitement and on cold mornings they enjoy stomping on ice in the garden.

Later in the month, the children will be learning about Road Safety and keeping safe as we are out and about on the dark mornings with a visit from the Crossing Patrol. We would like to include a Police Officer as another special visitor. If you would like to come in and spend some time with the children, telling them about what you do please let us know!!

Once again we are looking for a postal worker in December.

St Andrews Day will be celebrated on Thursday 27th November by listening to Scottish music and stories and sampling some Scottish food for snack.

Children In Need

We will be participating in this event on Thursday 13th November by doing something different and dressing up for Nursery in SPOTS!! All that is asked is a donation to Children In Need for the privilege. We will phone in the total to BBC Scotland and hopefully get a mention!



Christmas Activities



You will also see from the diary dates that the children will be very busy during December. There may be more dates and events added in as the month goes on. A separate letter will follow with more detail and cost of Christmas activities etc. We would also be very grateful for any donations of Christmas decorations etc., old tinsel which we can use in the nursery for gluing and craft. (No electrical goods please.)

Nursery Christmas Post

This year once again we are going to be Eco friendly and economical with our Christmas Post. The arrangement will be that each child brings **ONE CARD ONLY**. This should be addressed to: "All children and staff at Bathgate EYC" and posted in the box. Cards will be displayed in the nursery for all to see. Due to other learning experiences and activities in the nursery dates for Christmas Post are strictly Monday 8th until Friday 12th December.

A few p leas from the ladie s.....

PLEASE, PLEASE keep toys and special possessions at home. If they get lost or damaged children get upset and distressed and staff can't be held responsible for these items at any time.

Although it's not compulsory to wear school polo and sweatshirts we would appreciate if your could support this initiative. All West Lothian Schools promote school uniform and it's affordable and practical too.

As mentioned previously, we have noticed when children wear clothes with cartoon images etc. they sometimes take on the mantra of the character in the playroom and this impacts significantly on the quality of their own and others playroom learning experience. We would prefer if you could encourage your child to wear school dress code to nursery and keep special clothes for home and other community events etc.

A final reminder ! – Please do not bring sweets/crisp/snack /drinks etc. into cloakroom either in bags or pockets. We have a number of children with severe food allergies and we want to avoid risk of cross—contamination from any restricted food at all times.

Thanks to everyone for your help with all of these issues.

Sn a ck Mo ney

Snack money for this term (October—Christmas) is £12, if you wish to pay it in a lump sum. Please also remember that snack money is due on a Monday if you wish to pay it weekly. Mrs Todd will be sending out letters with exact amounts for those who have not paid snack money over the last few weeks.



Please take note...

I have listed dates until Christmas for your information overleaf .

These may be added to over the next few weeks and/ or changed due to weather etc.

Can I also draw your attention to our policy/ procedures for Severe Weather which is attached to the newsletter.

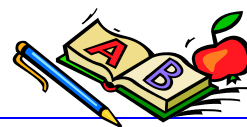
Hopefully we won't have to put this into action but we need to be prepared !

If you wish to discuss anything within the newsletter please contact me at Bathgate E.Y.C.

Thank you for your continued support.

Carene Hay—Acting HT/Manager

DIARY DATES



| <u>DATE</u> | <u>TIME</u> | <u>EVENT</u> |
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| WEDNESDAY 5TH NOVEMBER | MORNING AND AFTERNOON | PARENT CRAFT GROUP |
| WEDNESDAY 12TH NOVEMBER | MORNING AND AFTERNOON | PARENT CRAFT GROUP |
| THURSDAY 13TH NOVEMBER | MORNING AND AFTERNOON | DRESS UP IN SPOTS FOR CHILDREN IN NEED! |
| WEDNESDAY 19TH NOVEMBER | MORNING AND AFTERNOON | PARENT CRAFT GROUP |
| THURSDAY 20TH NOVEMBER | CHRISTMAS FAIR | 2.30PM UNTIL 4.30PM |
| MONDAY 24TH NOVEMBER | MORNING AND AFTERNOON | PRE-SCHOOL EYE SCREENING |
| TUESDAY 25TH NOVEMBER | MORNING AND AFTERNOON | PRE-SCHOOL EYE SCREENING |
| MONDAY 8TH DECEMBER | CHRISTMAS CARD POST WEEK | |
| WEDNESDAY 17TH DECEMBER | MORNING AND AFTERNOON | NATIVITY SINGALONG FOR PARENTS |
| THURSDAY 18TH DECEMBER | MORNING AND AFTERNOON | NATIVITY SINGALONG FOR GRANDPARENTS |
| MONDAY 22ND DECEMBER | MORNING AND AFTERNOON | CHRISTMAS PARTIES |
| TUESDAY 23RD DECEMBER | MORNING AND AFTERNOON CHILDREN FINISH FOR CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY: WRAPAROUND CLOSES FOR CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY | |
| WEDNESDAY 24TH DECEMBER— | MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY HOLIDAYS! | |
| THURSDAY 8TH JANUARY 2015 | WRAPAROUND AND NURSERY RESUMES | |

