Mid Calder Nursery Newsletter

Dear Parent/Carer,

May 2015

It is a delight being the morning nursery teacher over the past few weeks. We welcome new staff to the nursery and look forward to our end of term events and assemblies as an opportunity for you to get to know the nursery staff team. Our children are busy rehearsing for their assemblies and I thank you for your support to practice lines and songs. I bet you know the words to our jungle songs by heart!

Mrs McNamee will be returning to the nursery on Tuesday 19th May until Tuesday 16th June.

Nicola Thompson Head Teacher

Nursery Staff

Due to recent changes in staffing please find a list of staff who are in the nursery providing a broad play based curriculum for your child. Photographs are displayed in the front entrance.

Breakfast Club: Mrs McCormack; Mrs I Findlay; Mrs Aikman

AM Nursery: Miss Thompson/ Mrs McNamee; Mrs Aikman; Mrs L Findlay

PM Nursery: Mrs Law; Mrs Aikman

Nursery after school provision: Mrs Aikman; Mrs L Findlay

Following parental suggestions there will be a Pop in and Play session for our morning children to allow you to come in meet the staff and play with your children on week beginning 25th May. Please sign up for a session on the sheets in the entrance foyer.

We will be having an afternoon Pop in and Play on Wednesday 27th May. As we have a number of new starts in the afternoon this would be an ideal opportunity to come and play with your child, meet the staff and meet new parents.

We look forward to seeing you at these sessions.



End of term trip

Our end of term trip will link to the children's learning around animals and life cycles. The trip will take place on Monday 15th June. The cost of the trip will be £ per child.

(Please note that the PSA have contributed £3 per child to the overall cost of the excursion).

We will need nine parents to accompany is on this trip. If you have a PVG and wish to attend this fun day out please sign up. Thank you in advance for your volunteering.

Sports Day

Our Sports Day will take place on:

Monday 8th June at 1.30pm – afternoon class

Wednesday 10th June at 9am – morning class

If it is a dry day (fingers crossed) the sports will take place outdoors and all parents/carers are invited.

If it is a wet day we will hold the sports indoors, however, due to restricted hall space, parents/carers cannot spectate.

The Sports will be led by Kevin Crocodile with Primary 6 helpers.



Nursery to Primary 1 Transition

Throughout the school session our nursery children are involved in the life of the school from taking part in whole school topics for learning to attending assemblies and Enjoy A Ball sessions. Now, as our pre-school children prepare to begin Primary 1 we have organised a number of transition activities.

Visiting the P1 classes

Next session we will have two Primary 1 classes. Children will have the opportunity to visit the classes over a three week block to take part in play activities related to The Jungle and to meet our current primary one pupils. These sessions will take place on Thursday 28th May; Thursday 4th June; Thursday 11th June; Thursday 18th June during your child's nursery session. They will also have opportunities to experience the school playground.

Primary 1 Induction Evening

All parents/carers are invited to a Primary 1 Induction Evening on Monday 15th June at 6.30pm to find out about the P1 curriculum as well as primary one school routines.

Meet the Teacher

Your child will meet their new teacher on Thursday 18th June at 1.30pm. We will bring the afternoon nursery children over to the school. Please can morning nursery children come to the school entrance.

School Lunches

You will have the opportunity to sample school lunches with your child on Wednesday 17th June at 11.30am. More details to follow separately.

School Uniform

All pupils were issued with the opportunity to purchase school uniform from the school supplier – please ask a member of the nursery staff if you have not received an order form.

New term

The new term begins on Wednesday 19th August. On Wednesday 19th August and Thursday 20th August our primary one pupils will finish at 12.05pm. On Friday 21st August they will finish at 12.30pm. From Monday 24th August children will be in school for the full day (8.45am – 3.05pm).



Monday 18th May – School holiday

Thursday 21st May – Afternoon group nursery assembly at 1.30pm

Friday 22nd May – Morning group nursery assembly at 9am

Monday 8th June - PM Sports Day at 1.30pm

Wednesday 10th June – AM Sports Day

Monday 15th June – End of term trip



