Mid Calder Nursery Newsletter



Dear Parent/Carer.

August 2017

It has been a busy and exciting first week in our new nursery building with the return of our preschool children and welcoming new families and children to our school.

Our nursery motto is 'playing to learn, learning to play' and that has been evident as the children explore their new building and resources. The staff worked hard over the holidays to ensure the learning environment was set up and ready for the new school term, and it lovely to hear positive feedback from you all.

It is great to see so many of you choosing to wear our new nursery uniform, which was designed by a pupil last session. This helps to give the nursery a sense of identity in the larger school community.

We would like to welcome Mrs Williamson and Mrs Murphy who are new early years practitioners in our nursery team.

We look forward to seeing you all at Meet the Teacher on Thursday 7th September at 6:30. This is a session for parents and carers, which will let you find out about learning in the nursery and how you can support your child at home.

Miss Burton Depute Head Teacher



Snack



Term	Date Due	Amount
Term 1	Friday 30 th June 20 17	£6
	Friday 15 th September 2017	£6
Term 2	Friday 13 th October 2017	£15
Term 3	Friday 22 nd December 2017	£7.50
	Friday 9 th February 2018	£10.50
Term 4	Friday 23 rd March	£15.00

Snack costs £1.50 per week and is paid on a termly basis. Previous nursery parents can pay this fee using their iPay log in. New nursery parents can pay for this at the school office until they receive their new iPay log in.

Online Learning Journals

As you may or may not be aware, we track the children's journey through nursery through Online Learning Journals. We aim to record the significant learning moments that your child has with us in the nursery. There are also times, for example, when Santa visits the Christmas party, where we add a photo to your child's gallery without a full observation. You will also be able to add achievements from home to the journal. We will begin to populate the journals following September Break and new parents will also receive their log in at this time.

Full Day Lunches

If your child has a full day place, please ensure the items for the fridge are placed in a labelled food bag within their lunch box. This will allow for nursery staff to quickly place the bag into the fridge.

Groups & Key Workers

Due to our intake of new children and now offering full day places we have not allocated your children a key worker as of yet. You will receive a letter about who your child's key worker is in the next 2 weeks. Although children do have a nursery member of staff allocated to them, all our staff daily interact with all our children.

Reminders



- Please remember to put your child's name on their indoor shoes, jumpers and jackets.
- We would like to encourage children to wear our new Nursery red sweatshirt and grey polo shirt which can be ordered at the school office.
- Please remember to notify the school office by 8:45am or 11:45am if your child is unwell and is unable to attend nursery. If your child has been sick please remember to wait 48 hours before returning them to nursery.
- Children attending the morning session should be collected by 11:10am, and children attending the afternoon session should be collected by 3:50pm. Full day children should be collected by 4pm (unless they have made arrangement to stay for wraparound).
- Medication can only be given to your child when permission to administrator medication form has been completed. If your child has an ongoing medical concern or allergy, such as asthma, they will require a health care plan. These are available from nursery staff.
- It is important that children are on time for their sessions, as latecomers cause distribution to the learning in the Nursery.