



St. Columba's Nursery

Week Beginning 8<sup>th</sup> January 2018

Nurturing Little Minds

Headteacher: Miss Fiona Smyth



Happy New Year!!

Welcome back, I hope you all had a lovely break with your friends and family! I am excited about returning this session, just under a year since I joined the school and nursery community and I have taken the time to reflect on the great things that have happened and continue to happen at St. Columba's I cannot thank each and every one of you, the children and the whole staff team for going with me and embracing these changes! We don't like to sit still at St. Columba's so more opportunities are on their way for the children.

I look forward to continuing to strengthen the partnership between the nursery and our families.

Sending you the warmest wishes for the year ahead!

Miss Smyth ☺

### Staffing

We are pleased to welcome back Mrs Dori-Muir to the morning session.

We are currently still trying to cover Mrs Gouws. Mrs Wilson and Mrs Smith from the school will support the red group in the morning and Mrs Brady in the afternoon.

You should direct any questions about your child to Mrs Notman. Mrs Notman will update the red group online journals to try and provide some consistency for you and your child. Please be assured I am working closely with the authority to secure a nursery nurse whilst Mrs Gouws is off. If you have any concerns please ask to speak to myself or Mrs Potter.

## Welly Wednesday

We hope to extend your child's nursery experience to going outdoors beyond the nursery grounds...We will be asking you to complete forms which we need returned asap! We look forward to extending the children's experiences.

### Lateness

There are a growing number of children coming late to the nursery. The nursery door does close to allow the staff to open all areas of the nursery. Please ensure that you get your child to nursery on time to allow them to get the full nursery experience!

All primary 1 forms should now be with the local authority. These forms were to be filled out online. Please ensure you do this if you have not already or your child may not get the place you wish them to receive.

### Dressing for the weather...

There's no such thing as bad weather just bad clothing- so they say! The children are still accessing the outdoors even in the wet weather, please ensure your child is dressed appropriately with appropriate outdoor footwear, hat, scarf and gloves so they can still access outdoors in the colder weather.

### Parent Council

The next meeting is Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> January at 6pm. Nursery parents are welcome to join us, the Parent Council is not just for school parents!

Please come along and join us if you can!