

Loanhead Primary School

Nursery Newsletter

October 2015

Welcome to our early Autumn newsletter. We have settled into nursery and everyone seems happy to be back after the summer break. All our new children have settled in with the help of our more experienced children!

Autumn

As we are now heading into the cooler and wetter weather can we ask that all children have appropriate outdoor clothing. You are welcome to leave a pair of wellies at nursery. Please make sure all outdoor clothing is named.

Some of you may be aware that we have a mud kitchen in the nursery now and as we value learning outdoors and plan to access the outdoors as much as possible the children may get wet and muddy. Please make sure you send your child in old clothes so that they are not worried about getting dirty. It would be useful if all parents could leave a small named carrier bag on their child's peg with a change of clothes.

Topic and Activities

Currently we are looking at harvest and will be moving onto Autumn as well as other child led interests in the nursery.

Just inside the nursery door is our planning wall and floor book, please feel free to look at this and add to it any comments or pictures that you may have that is related to the children's learning. Experiences that they bring from home are as important as what they learn at nursery and we would welcome your contributions to the learning floor book.

Group Time

We have now implemented our Key Worker group times which are planned to take place at 9.00am and 1.00pm every day (occasionally other issues take over and this may not happen). The children are all eager to do group time and it's lovely to see the children beginning to grow in confidence about sharing news and talking about topics.

We will be doing some additional focused group times which will support specific aspects of learning and interests.

Christmas Outing

The whole nursery will be going to Purves Puppets in Biggar on Thursday 26th November. More information to follow soon.

Changes in information

Please let us know if there are any changes in circumstances as it helps us to care for your child. Contact phone numbers are particularly important.

Gym Sessions

At the moment while the weather is still good we will continue to use the outdoors for our physical activity. From the October holiday we will begin to use the gym hall. Please ensure your child has shoes and socks on gym days (no tights) and is wearing clothes that are easy to move around in.

Morning Session: Monday and Wednesday

Afternoon Session: Tuesday and Friday

We will have access to the Expressive Arts room on Tuesday (AM) and Thursday (PM)

Website

From now on we will try and post information and pictures from the nursery activities on the school website. Please have a look to find out what's been happening in nursery.

Thank you!

A big 'thank you' to all parents who collected Sainsbury's Active School vouchers we were able to buy four lovely scooters that the children are thoroughly enjoying!

Reminder

Please try and avoid letting your child bring toys to nursery, they can get lost or broken which can cause upset. We don't mind if it is something special from a holiday or an event that they want to show and tell.

Loanhead Parent Council

The parent council supports the whole school including the nursery. They are always looking for new members as well as any help that people may be able to give. There are a variety of ways that you could help from manning a stall for half an hour at the summer fair to helping organise larger events. There are also six parent council meetings throughout the year that any parent is welcome to attend. They have a mailing list which any parent can be added to and can sign up to help out with events or activities that may suit them.

If you would like to be involved please speak to Lorna Kennedy (nursery parent and Chairperson of Loanhead Parent Council).

St Margaret's Parent Council.

St Margaret's parent council also welcome support from parents with their events and meetings. If you would like to be involved in any of these please contact the school and ask for Anna Streleckyte Chairperson of St. Margaret's Parent Council.

Christmas Fair

For many years the nursery has held a Christmas Fair which is a fantastic fundraiser for us. This year it will be on the morning of **Friday 20th November** from 9.00am to 11.00am

We are now starting to collect donations of toys, books, games, bric-a-brac and items for the tombola. These must be clean and in good condition. Please send your items to the nursery.

We will also be looking for helpers to sort and organise before the event and helpers to man the stalls on the day. Please let the nursery staff know if you are able to help.

Session Times:

Morning session is from 8.30 - 11.40am

Afternoon session is 12.25 - 3.35pm

Please ensure your child is collected by the end of the session. Nursery staff have only 15mins at the start and end of each session to prepare for the next sessions.

As always if you have any questions or concerns please speak to the nursery team.

NB: List of calendar dates on reverse.

Please also complete the attached forms and return them to nursery ASAP.

Diary Dates

Thursday 8th October: Children finish for half term

Friday 9th October: In-service day (no nursery)

Monday 19th October: All return

Friday 30th October: Halloween fun session

Wk beginning 6th Nov: Fire Safety

Friday 20th November: Christmas Fair

Wk Beginning 23rd Nov: Road Safety Week

Thursday 26th November: Purves Puppets trip

Wednesday 16th November: Christmas Parties

Friday 18th December: Term Ends 12:00pm

Tuesday 5th January: In-service day

Wednesday 6th January: Children return

Thursday 30th June: Graduation Garden Party