



Newsletter

April 2014



Welcome

We understand there has been a lot of a change in Nursery recently due to staff absence and a Nursery Teacher vacancy; however we are now happy to welcome Ms Carol Wood, Principal Teacher, into Nursery who will be with us until the summer. We would also like to say a big thanks to Mrs Kirsty Murdoch who has been with us for some time now, and has become a familiar face during staff absences.

Key Working Groups

We start and end each session with a 'Group Time' led by an adult. It is a very important time to develop social, listening and talking and thinking skills by reading stories, singing songs, talking to the children about a topic, hearing news, discussing the weather/seasons, literacy and numeracy. Children also go to group time after tidying up at the end of a session.

Although your child does have their key worker which they register with at the beginning of the session, please be assured that we work very hard to build up strong relationships with all of our children - not just our 'key' children. If your child's Keyworker is absent, please don't worry, there are lots of other very familiar faces to your child in Nursery and there is always someone there to support them. Understandably, if your child is a little anxious to go into their group with a new face, please talk to us as there are lots of things we can do to support. This may include going into another group with a more familiar face - nothing is too much trouble; our aim is to provide your child with a safe, secure and happy environment in Nursery, so please, just talk to us!



Picking up children from Nursery

We ask parents/carers to take your child to their group so that the key worker can see who has dropped the child off. Please inform us (and write in the book in the foyer) if anyone other than yourself is dropping off/picking up your child from Nursery so we can take the necessary measures to keep our children safe.

We kindly ask you to ensure you stick to the allocated pick up/drop off times, however we understand if you have to collect earlier but please talk to your key worker to make arrangements and accommodate you.



Clothing

We would like to extend our thanks to our parents and carers for the clothes we received over the winter months. We were running low on 'stock,' but due to your kind donations, we now have a full cupboard of spare clothes again for our children! Thank you!

Please remember to put names on all coats and sweatshirts and help us to teach your child to put his/her coat on independently.

Parent helpers & Nursery Committee

We had our first Parents' Committee Meeting in January and we'd like to express our thanks to those who attended. It was great to meet to brainstorm ideas and strategies about how to take our Nursery forward. We are keen to arrange another meeting for the Summer Term, details of this will be found at the end of the newsletter. If you are interested, please let your key worker know. Together, we can achieve success!



Sun Cream

As we are (hopefully) approaching warmer weather the children will be out in the garden when the weather permits. We have an 'open door' policy and the children choose to be outdoors. Please ensure that your child is well-protected from the sun by applying a high factor sun screen lotion before they come to Nursery. However, due to our unpredictable Scottish weather - they should also have a warm jacket for cooler days!

Nursery Planning and Activities

The Summer Term is a very busy term in Nursery as I'm sure you can imagine! It's a very exciting time for our pre-school children as Primary One is fast approaching! There will be details following shortly about our Transition Programme which will give your child the opportunity to visit the Primary One atrium and take part in activities designed to make the transition as smooth as possible for them. We realise this is an anxious time - sometimes more so for parents/carers than the children - so if you are worried or have questions about anything, please come and talk to us and we'll do our best to ease those worries!

We also have our Nursery Sports Day during the Summer Term, and to allow for the somewhat unpredictable weather, we have allocated two dates for this.

As you will already know, we love to have our parents/carers in to join us in Nursery, and this year we hope to have a Teddy Bear's Picnic where you will be invited in to enjoy a picnic in the Nursery garden together.

Finally, with the end of the school year creeping up on us, we also like to invite in an entertainer for the children - this year, we are delighted to have Purves Puppet Theatre Group coming into Nursery during the last week of term.

Finally, a few reminders....



Attendance times



Morning Placements

Monday - Wednesday	8.50 am - 12.00 noon (Collection between 11.50 am - 12.00 noon)
Thursday	8.50 am - 11.50 am (Collection between 11.40 am - 11.50 am)

Afternoon Placements

Monday - Thursday	1.00 pm - 3.30 pm (Collection between 3.20 pm - 3.30 pm)
Friday	8.50 am - 11.20 am (Collection between 11.10 am - 11.20 am)

Nursery money

We ask all children attending nursery to pay £2 per week. This money goes towards the children's healthy snack, trips, storytellers, visitors and renewing of resources. Please put the money in the brown envelopes provided and hand it to your key worker. You can choose to pay this each week or for the term, which ever suits you best. Hopefully you will all have noticed that our snack fund last term has gone towards replacing some of our resources both in Nursery and in our Garden.



Celebrating Success and Achievement

In line with Curriculum for Excellence, the Nursery would like to have the opportunity to learn about and share out of school achievements or learning experiences your child may have been included in. Please take time to look at our new S.M.I.L.E display in Nursery (Sharing My Interesting Learning Experiences), Using the 'Star Moments' sheet allows you to share any learning activities or particular achievements your child may have experienced out of school which they would enjoy sharing with their nursery class. This can be any format - photos, drawing or writing and will be included in your child's learning portfolio.

Thank You

We look forward to working in partnership with our parents/carers to create the best learning experience for your child at Lawfield Primary Nursery Class.

The Nursery Team.

Important Dates for your diary...

Wednesday 14th May 2014 - Parents' Committee Meeting.
AM - 9.30am
PM - 1.30pm

Wednesday 4th June 2014 - Sports Day 1 (AM & PM together).

Wednesday 11th June 2014 - Parents' Consultations (Pre-School children).

Thursday 12th June 2014 - Parents' Consultations (Pre-School children).

Thursday 12th June 2014 - Primary One Parents' Meeting.

Wednesday 18th June 2014 - Sports Day 2 (AM & PM).

Tuesday 24th June 2014 - Leaver's Event (AM & PM).

Tuesday 1st July 2014 - Purves Puppets Theatre visiting (AM & PM).

Wednesday 2nd July 2014 - Teddy Bear's Picnic.

We wish you all a very Happy Easter and a
great holiday when it comes!

Holidays

Easter holiday: The children will finish on
Friday 4th April and return on
Tuesday 22nd April 2014.

