

Meldrum Nursery Newsletter

Issued Wednesday 27th January 2016



Dear Parents and Carers

It's our first newsletter of 2016 and we have details of a range of activities and events which will be happening during this term to share.

Home – Nursery Program

This week we will be starting our Home - Nursery program. Each Friday a child will get to take home their class bear/monkey for the weekend. The bear/monkey comes with a diary where the children can draw a picture or include a photograph of any activities they have done and an adult can add some written information too. On Monday the bear/monkey should be brought back into Nursery where the children will have the opportunity to share with the rest of the class their weekend news. This Home - Nursery activity provides a focus to promote and support listening and talking skills.

Nursery Library

From next week, the children will have the opportunity to borrow a book to take home from our Nursery library. Each class will have an allocated Library day. The books will be available at the beginning of the Nursery session in the teddy bear bookcase and parents/carers are invited to select a book with their child. Library record sheets will be available for each child. Please write down the title of the book and the date it was borrowed. The sheet can then be placed at the front of your child's profile folder. Once a book has been returned another one can be chosen.

Nursery Class	Library Day
Green and Orange Classes	Tuesday
Yellow and Purple Classes	Wednesday
Red and Blue Classes	Thursday

Nursery Key Worker Groups

With our January intake starting this term, the number of children in each class in Otter Room has increased. We now have 5 Key Worker groups during each nursery session. Due to this change we have revised the group names and some children are also working with a new Key Worker. The role of the Key Worker is to observe, assess the children's progress and maintain the child's individual profiles, along with sharing any relevant information with parents. However, over the course of a week your child will spend time with all members of the Nursery Team.

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Nursery Noticeboard

On our Nursery noticeboards we currently have a 'Snack' consultation sheet available for parents/carers to add suggestions of any different foods we could include on our snack menus. As part of our daily snack the children are always offered a selection of fruit. Depending on any dietary requirements we have to consider, we will aim to include any suggestions in the coming weeks.

Outdoor Clothing

During the winter months we continue to go outside daily whenever possible and in all kinds of weather. Please ensure your child has warm and waterproof clothing and footwear with them each day.

Arriving and Leaving Nursery

At the beginning and end of each Nursery session we have a large number of people moving along the corridor as they enter or leave the nursery. For the safety of both children and adults we would ask that the children walk in the corridors and that they stay with their accompanying adult.

Diary Dates for Term 3 and 4

Term 3	
Wed 03.02.16	Early Learning Parent Workshop – Literacy (9.30 am and 1.00 pm). For parents of pre-school children
Wed 10.02.16	Early Learning Parent Workshop – Numeracy (9.30 am and 1.00 pm). For parents of pre-school children
Fri 12.02.16 Mon 15.02.16	Mid – Term Holiday
Tue 16.02.16 Wed 17.02.16	Staff In-Service Days
Fri 18.03.16	Pupil Profiles (paper copy) sent home
Wed 23.03.16	Stay and Play sessions (am and pm during Nursery Sessions)
Fri 25.03.16	Good Friday - Holiday
Fri 01.04.16	Easter Holidays begin
Term 4	
Mon 18.04.16	Summer Term begins
Wed 27.04.16	First P1 Parent Induction Meeting
Fri 27.05.16	Pupil Profiles emailed to parents
Tues 31.05.16	Stay and Play sessions (am and pm during Nursery Sessions)
May/June 2016	Nursery Trips (dates - to be confirmed)
Wed 08.06.16	January 2016 ante-pre pupils – Settling in Parent Interviews (am and pm during Nursery Session)

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Wed 08.06.16	Second P1 Parent Induction Meeting
Fri 17.06.16	Nursery Sports Day
Tue 21.06.16	Nursery – P1 Transition Meet the Teacher Visits
Wed 22.06.16	Nursery – P1 Transition Meet the Teacher Visits
Fri 24.06.16	Nursery Sports (Stand by day)
Fri 01.07.16	End of Year Celebration Summer Holidays begin

If you have any questions or queries please do not hesitate to speak to a member of your child's Nursery team.

Yours sincerely

Hazel Fraser
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Please use the space below to make any comments or suggestions and return to the Nursery Team