



Meldrum Nursery Newsletter

Issued Friday 8th May 2015

Dear Parents and Carers

Term 4 is here already and we've got another busy term ahead of us, with the pre-school children taking part in a range of different transition activities in preparation for Primary 1. With hopefully better weather on the way we're also looking forward to a variety of outdoor learning experiences.

Staffing Update

As advised in the recent whole school letter, Emma Searle and Gillian Paterson (Job share Nursery Nurses) and Sarah Menzies (full time Nursery Nurse) will continue to work with Red and Blue Nursery classes along with Lorna Blake (Nursery Nurse) and Dorothea Scherer (Nursery Nurse) on a Wednesday this term. This is in line with current authority guidance.

Home Learning Packs

As part of the Nursery - Primary 1 transition process, this term the pre-school children who will be joining P1 at Meldrum School will receive a series of Learning Packs to take home and try out. These themed packs contain a range of activities covering a variety of topics and generally include: a fiction and non-fiction book, game or jigsaw puzzle and activity sheet. With the first pack the children will also receive a booklet to complete each week to review the activities they have completed and this should be returned each week.

Learning packs will be issued each **Thursday (starting on May 14th)** and should be returned on the following **Wednesday**. This will last for a period of 6 weeks. We will be unable to hand out a new pack unless the previous one has been returned.

All the Learning Packs need to be checked after being returned and it would be most appreciated if any parent helpers would be able to assist with this. Please add your name to the sign-up sheet on the nursery notice board if you would be able to help.

We hope you enjoy spending time sharing the Home learning activities with your child. Due to the Learning Packs being issued, there will be no Library this term.

Parent Helpers

There will also be an opportunity to join your child's class for a nursery session as a parent helper, particularly if you didn't get the opportunity last term. A sign-up sheet will be available on the nursery noticeboard.

Home – Nursery Bears

We will continue our Home-Nursery bear program this term. The Home-Nursery Bear provides a focus to promote and support listening and talking skills. Thank you to everyone who has cared for their class bear, bunny or monkey and shared their weekend adventures with us.

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Bikes, Trikes and Scooters

Due to health and safety regulations we are unable to store any bikes, scooters, prams etc. during the Nursery session. If you wish to bring them to Nursery they can be stored in the cycle racks located in the Meadowbank or Upper stages playground.

Outdoor Clothing

During this term we will continue to be outdoors as much as possible in all kinds of weather. Please ensure your child has appropriate footwear and a waterproof jacket with them each day. Hopefully we will also see more of the sun this term; sun cream should be applied before arriving at nursery. The children will also be encouraged to wear a sun hat if they have one.

Health Information Guidance

Now that we're into the summer term hopefully there will be fewer bugs and illnesses about. In line with NHS guidance it is advised that if your child displays symptoms of sickness or diarrhoea, they avoid direct contact with others for at least 48 hours after the symptoms have cleared. We have had no further cases of Slapped Cheek syndrome reported however if your child shows any symptoms please inform the school office.

Diary Dates

- Nursery Trip to Aden Country Park – Morning classes on Thursday 4th June and Afternoon classes on Thursday 21st May (further details to follow)
- Occasional Holiday (School and Nursery closed) – Monday 1st June
- Nursery Profiles emailed to parents/carers – Friday 5th June
- Nursery Transition Parent Interviews – Monday 8th and Tuesday 9th June (further information to follow)
- Child Smile team visiting Nursery for fluoride varnishing – Tuesday 9th June
- Nursery Sports Day – Thursday 11th June alternatively Thursday 18th June depending on weather (details to follow)

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