



## Meldrum Nursery Newsletter

Issued Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> May 2017

Dear Parents and Carers

It's term 4 and we've got a busy time 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.

### **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 **Friday (starting on 19<sup>th</sup> May)** and should be returned on the following **Thursday**. This will last for a period of 4 weeks. We will be unable to hand out a new pack unless the previous one has been returned.

Each Learning Pack needs 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 Interviews**

Parents and Carers of children who started nursery in January or April will have the opportunity to meet and discuss their child's progress with their Key Worker on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> June. A sign-up sheet with available appointment times will be displayed on the Nursery noticeboard. If the available times are unsuitable, please speak to a member of the nursery team to discuss possible alternative arrangements.

### **Primary 1 Trial Lunches**

There will be the opportunity for children and parents/carers to try a P1 lunch during the week beginning 12<sup>th</sup> June. Sign-up sheets will be available on the nursery notice boards next week. Please add your name and your child's name along with your menu choice.

### **Home – Nursery Program**

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

### **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.



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### 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 by a parent/carer at the start of the nursery session. The children will also be encouraged to wear a sun hat if they have one.

### Diary Dates

- Afternoon Nursery Classes visiting Satrosphere (Aberdeen Science Centre) – Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> May. No nursery session for Morning classes.
- Morning Nursery Classes visiting Satrosphere (Aberdeen Science Centre) – Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> May. No nursery session for Afternoon classes.
- Child Smile team visiting nursery for fluoride varnishing – Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> May
- Nursery Profiles emailed to parents/carers – Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> June
- Occasional Holiday (School and Nursery closed) – Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June
- Nursery Parent Interviews (for children who started nursery in January or April) – Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> June
- Nursery Sports Day – Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> June alternatively Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> June depending on weather (details to follow)
- Nursery End of Year Celebration – Friday 30<sup>th</sup> June (details to follow)

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

Yours sincerely

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