



## Deans Nursery Class



## February Newsletter

We are almost at our February break already, how did that happen?

<b>Welcome to our New Families!</b>	We would like to say a huge welcome to all our new families who have joined us this month! The children are settling well, and the team have enjoyed getting to know you all.
<b>Our Learning</b>	Over the last few weeks, the children have been learning all about being Scottish. This has resulted in Scottish dancing, tartan paintings and learning all about bagpipes to name a few. All our learning is captured in our 'Floorbook'. Please feel free to have a look at our floorbook during drop off or pickup.
<b>Cloakroom</b>	We now have 52 children in nursery which means the cloakroom remains very busy at times. A gentle reminder to use your child's red/blue nursery bag to store changes of clothes as this then allows adequate space for the children to access their coats without any additional bulky bags on the pegs. This promotes independence when the children are getting ready for outdoor play.
<b>Naming your Child's Belongings</b>	Please add your child's name to <u>all</u> their belongings including items such as hats and lunchboxes. With so many children, it can often be difficult to find the owner quickly and names would help us greatly. If we could also ask you to check their red/blue bags regularly and replenish any clothing used.
<b>Staff Update</b>	We would like to welcome Ms Morrison, who joined us last month as our new Pupil Support Worker. Ms Morrison has enjoyed meeting all the children and families. We continue to have Miss Meldrum and Mrs Cronan to help us with staff absence cover.
<b>Stay and Play</b>	We would like to invite you along to our first 'Stay and Play' of the session. This event will focus on 'The Colour Monster' and our feelings. This will be held on Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> March at 2.15pm. Stay and Play sessions are an opportunity for parents and carers to spend some time with their child/ren in the nursery environment and learn more about our learning. There will be little focussed activities set up for you to engage in with your child based on the chosen topic. With the volume of children at present however, we can only accommodate one adult per child.

<b>Bookbug</b>	<p>Our next session is on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> February from 2-2.30pm. If you would like to come along, please sign-up in the foyer!</p> <p>The following session will be Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March from 9.30-10am</p>
<b>Nursery Natter</b>	<p>Our next natter will be Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March at 10am. This will directly follow our March bookbug session. These sessions give parents and carers the opportunity to come along and ask any questions they may have about the nursery setting, as well as give views and opinions for the future. We love to include the thoughts and ideas of our parents and carers to improve the children's experience at nursery and various events coming up. It is also a great opportunity to meet other parents/carers and just have a chat over a cuppa and a biscuit! We would love to see you!</p>
<b>Contacting the Nursery</b>	<p>We offer an open-door policy if anyone needs to talk to a member of the team during drop off or pick up times. If you need to speak with a member of the team at these times, could we ask that this not be the person on the door as it can distract from the safety procedures we have in place. Thank you.</p> <p>If you need to contact the nursery at any other time, please contact the school office by phone or email. All absences should be reported by 9.30am as after this a group call message will be sent and the Safe Arrival procedures will be followed.</p>
<b>Illnesses and Medication</b>	<p>It is that time of year where there are lots of colds/flu/viruses around. Please be mindful that these spread quickly in a nursery environment. Nursery can be a long day, and we need to be mindful of the health and wellbeing of all the children and staff. If you are in doubt as to whether your child should be attending nursery due to illness or requiring medication such as Calpol, please contact the nursery before coming in.</p>
<b>Parent Consultations</b>	<p>We will be holding parent/carer consultations during the weeks beginning 16<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> March. This is just a short 10-minute meeting with your child's keyworker to discuss their progress at nursery. A sign-up sheet will be placed in the cloakroom next week for you to choose a time that suits you best. Please be aware that each staff member will have an assigned day.</p>

<p><b>Dates for your Diary</b></p>	<p>Monday 9<sup>th</sup> February - February break</p> <p>Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> February - children return from break</p> <p>Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> February - Bookbug session, 2pm-2.30pm</p> <p>Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> March - Stay and Play Session, 2.15pm</p> <p>Monday 16<sup>th</sup> March - Parent/Carer Consultation fortnight</p> <p>Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March - Bookbug session, 9.30-10am Nursery Natter, 10am</p> <p>Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March - End of term, returning Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> April</p>
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**NB** As per email communications sent previously, option 3 on our phone system, speak to the nursery, does not work. If you wish to speak with someone in the nursery, please select option 2 for the school office. If you are reporting your child absent, please select option 1 and leave a message with the details.