

# August Newsletter 2017

## Welcome to our Team

We would like to welcome the following people to our team.

\*Stacey Brown-Out of School Practitioner

\*Leahann Davidson- Senior Early Years Practitioner 1-2 room

\*Shannon Gallacher- Returned From Maternity Leave briefly and now has another role working for South Lanarkshire Council, we wish her well in her new role.



## Some staff changes

Recently we carried out a staff change around to allow staff to experience working with different teams and age groups. With the feedback from the senior staff regarding the positive qualities the change had identified, we will be moving some of the staff to a variety of Playrooms.

## Parents Committee

We are looking for new members to join our enthusiastic group of parents. The parent committee meet once a term to discuss up and coming events, we all share the rolls in organising the events and provide the children and families with events which are fun and exciting.

We would love for new people to come forward to help us out and we are also looking for a new chair person to arrange and take the lead role in organising the group. If you think you have a few hours to spare once a term, please speak to Selina to register your interest in supporting the nursery, children and families.

## Improvement Plan priorities

- Each year the Local Authority requires all Partnership providers to submit an improvement plan. This improvement plan maps out areas we have identified as a service which we feel we need to improve on and further develop to offer the best standard of care and support of the children and families. The priorities identified for 2017/2018 are.
- Moderation & Assessment
- Employability Skills awareness
- Self-Evaluation
- Curriculum-Numeracy



### Menu change feedback

Selina, Janet & Pat have been working hard to try and get suitable menus together for the children.

Our aim is to offer children a variety of new and different hot lunches to taste and try. So far, a big favourite lunch has been the pasta and meatballs.



### Football Gary



The summer invoices have been issued for Football Gary and to ensure Gary can be paid we need to receive the payments from the families. Please hand the consent slip and the payment to the office. The fees are £10.00 per term.



### Sing & Sign

Amanda and Jessie Cat will be set to return from August to work with our youngest babies. Amanda and Jessie cat offer sing and sign classes in the nursery and the session is still to be confirmed. Amanda also runs sessions in the nursery using our OSC space for parent's classes. Please check face book for Sing and Sign Lanarkshire for times, dates and venues.

### Staff Training and development update

Our staff have attended a behaviour management training course on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> August 2017.

This will benefit the staff and support children and families with dealing with any undesirable, which may be demonstrated from time to time.

### 3-5 Room Changes

In keeping with best practice and government policy, we are making some changes to the way we place the children in the playrooms. We will now be operating two mixed 3-5 rooms and no longer anti-preschool and pre-school rooms. This is to allow our children to learn from older children and to socialise with children younger than themselves.

A letter to all parents will be issued to inform you of the room you child will be in and the Key worker they will be assigned to.



### Term Dates for Partnership only Sessions

Holiday	Holiday Dates	Pupils Return
Start of Term	*****	Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> August 2017
September Weekend	Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> September 2017 & Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> September 2017	Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup> September 2017
October Break	Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> October 2017 Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> October 2017	Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> October 2017
In service Day	Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> November 2017	Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> November 2017
Christmas Break	Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> December 2017	Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> January 2018
February Break	Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> , Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> & Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> February 2018	Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> February 2018
Easter Holidays/ Spring Break	Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup> March 2018	Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> April 2018
May Day	Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> May 2018	*****
In service day	Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup> May 2018	Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup> May 2018
Local Holiday	Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> May 2018 Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> May 2018	Tuesday 29 <sup>th</sup> May 2018
Summer Break	Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> June 2018	*****

These dates are for the children who attend Partnership only sessions.

This indicates the in service days and holiday dates the children will not be in nursery.



### Holiday club bookings



We aim to offer the best level of care to the children as well as the best opportunities for having first hand experiences while on trips and outings. To enable us to offer this service it takes a lot of organising and careful planning. If you are looking for days during the school holidays please give us at least **2 weeks' notice** so that all children can experience the trips and outings planned for with the transport and staff we have available.

Our new planner for September weekend and October break will be available to you soon, paper copies will be available in the playroom and a copy can be found on our Nursery website under NEWS

**Early years funding forms to sign and return for Term 1=28<sup>th</sup> Aug- 15<sup>th</sup> Dec 2017**

Please can you ensure that your funding form has been signed in the office ready for the next term.

Remember to like us on Facebook and request to join our closed parents page.

