

October Newsletter 2017

Out of School Club

Just to let the parents know who have children registered to the Out of school club that unfortunately we are unable to pick up and collect children who attend afterschool club such as football and music clubs.

Parents can arrange to have children dropped into us later in the session if they wish, but we are unable to send staff back to schools to collect in this instance.

Winter Weather

The cold and wet weather has finally set in and we want to make sure your children are prepared to still enjoy being outdoors in all weather. Please remember to provide, coats, puddle suits, wellington boots, hats scarves and gloves.



Cloak room moves

Our cloakrooms are moving, please speak with your child's key worker or room staff to find your child's new peg.

We are aiming to make more space for our under three children for their coats, bags and shoes etc.

The children in the 3-5 area have joined together in 1 cloak room to enable us to create more independent changing opportunities for the children to access outdoor play.



New Playroom Structure

Our Three to Five room has been under construction for a few weeks and we really would like your feedback on your thoughts for the new layout and integrated approach.

Due to having a large learning space we now have so many more areas and opportunities for the children to develop learn and play alongside their peers. So far the children have adapted well to the space and have been excited to use the new areas, equipment and engage with all of the activities.

Fees

Just a polite reminder that all fees are due for the first of the month and all vouchers and payments from Colleges and Universities must be paid as soon as each candidate receives this from their providers.

Failure to pay fees may result in your nursery place being suspended until your accounts are up to date.

Please speak to the office if you have any concerns.

Partnership Times

Our Time for funded partnership sessions are as follows:



8.45-11.50 AM

&

1.00-4.10 PM



New Rolling Menu

The children have been enjoying the menu for the 3 week rolling snacks and lunches.

These are displayed in the hallway for you to refer to on a weekly basis. Please look at the menus and if you think your child may not eat the lunch, remember to let the staff in the playrooms know so they can inform the Kitchen to arrange an alternative lunch. Please also remember to inform us of any changes to your child's dietary needs, or allergies so we can update our records and cater for your child.



Halloween Parties

The children will be taking part in games and activities all week leading up to Halloween. Your children are encouraged to wear fancy dress any day of the week if they choose to this as it is optional for children and families to take part. Please see posters around the nursery for more details.



Children In need

Friday 17th November 2017, we will be having a pyjama Party in nursery.

Please note that the nursery will only ask for donation to be left in the playrooms, if your child would like to take part.



Oral health & Fluoride Varnishing

The oral health team will be in the nursery on Tuesday 24th October 2017 for the fluoride varnishing of the children's teeth in the 3-5 department.

Please speak to the office to see if your child is registered for the varnishing as a few children still require a purple form to be completed.



Survey Monkey Results



We recently asked parents via the nursery Facebook to complete the online survey through service monkey. Overall it indicated the parents were pleased with the service we offer and the staff understand your children and offer a good play and learning environment for your children.

The information did highlight to us from the results was that the parents were unsure of the nursery's vision, value and aims. We have since taken this information and displayed them more attractively on the wall outside the office and we will put them on our website and on our closed Facebook group for you to access.

Parent Committee

Our Parent committee is looking for new members to join our group, currently we are without a chair person.

The group meets once a term to discuss up and coming events for the nursery children and families and helps aid the Barnehage community to come together to provide support for the children, families and the nursery.

If you feel you could spare a little time and the odd Saturday morning, please feel free to speak to Selina Lynn

Dates for your Diary

With Christmas fast approaching us I wanted to offer the dates early for you to plan around the following events:

Friday 1st December Nursery & Afterschool club Christmas Fayre 3pm-5pm

Saturday 2nd Parent committee Christmas Disco Hillhouse Community Centre 10-12pm

Friday 8th December Nursery Christmas Party 10-11am

Monday 11th Preschool Christmas trip to M&D's

Monday 11th December Big red play bus for Anti preschool and Nursery children 9.30-4pm

Friday 15th Nativity show for 3-5 children at Hillhouse Community Centre 1.00-2.00pm

Nursery closes Friday 22nd December 2017 and re-opens Wednesday 3rd January 2018





Spanish Group Term 1 2017

All our children have really enjoyed their time with Lesley in learning Spanish. All the consent forms for the next block of sessions and spaces will be out shortly for you to book your children into the next group.

Please note spaces are limited to 14 per block.

Staff Changes

We are so sad to be losing the following members of staff from our team

Donna McWhirter- Is going to work for South Lanarkshire Council in Larkhall family centre

Natalie Woods- Is going to open and become the Manager for Green Apple nursery in Airdrie

Melissa Malcolm- Is moving to a Nursery in Mount Florida to become an Early Years Practitioner

I would like to wish all of the girls luck for their future career in childcare and I know the girls will be missed at the Barnehage.x