

STAFF NEWS

A warm welcome back to Susan McElwee who has returned from maternity leave. Susan will be working every Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday (AM). We would also like to welcome Angela Reilly to our team. Angela is our new Early Years Support Worker and will be with us every Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. She will be supporting staff and working with small groups of children.

We also have an HNC student, Julie McCallum from West College Scotland who will be on placement every Tuesday and Wednesday.

EXTRA HOURS

Staff have all been really busy planning for children starting with us on a full-time basis. Letters will be issued within the next week or so to give you information on your child's start date. Children will start over a four week period. New staff will be appointed in the next week. Dates will not be confirmed until new staff are in place.

CURRICULUM EVENING FOR PARENTS

We will be having our first Parents' Evening of the session on **Thursday 2 November at 6.30pm**. Parents will have the opportunity to find out what children learn during their time at nursery. You will have the opportunity to see a DVD of a typical nursery day so you can see how children learn through play. There will also be an opportunity to have a look at the resources we use in the nursery. This is not an evening to discuss children's progress. Progress meetings will be held in November. Unfortunately, we do not have crèche facilities available.

PLAY SESSIONS - OCTOBER HOLIDAYS

The play sessions will be held on Monday 16th and Friday 20th October. The sessions will run from 9.30 - 3.00. Free soup and sandwiches will be available from 12.00. Please come along and have some fun with your child. Primary school children are also invited to attend.

HALLOWE'EN PARTY

We will be having our Hallowe'en party on Tuesday 31st October. Children can dress up if they wish to do so. Parents can also dress up if they would like to take part.

SPONSORED SING

We will be having a sponsored sing in the nursery at the end of our Hallowe'en party. This will be our annual fundraising event for the session and will help us pay for the entertainer at our Christmas party as well as help Santa with the cost of presents. Parents are invited to come along at 11.15am and 2.45pm.

SNACK FUND

You will be delighted to know that your child's snack will remain at £2 per week for a full-time place. Please pay your snack money every Monday/Wednesday. This money pays for your child's snack and any trips or treats that happen throughout the session.

FOREST VISITS

The children have been enjoying their trips to the forest. It would be helpful if you could leave a change of clothes on your child's peg - socks and trousers as they often need changed when they come back.

PROGRESS MEETINGS

Staff will be available to meet with you to discuss your child's progress during the week beginning 6 November. Staff will complete a "Next steps in Learning" form with you. This helps us identify any areas where you would like us to support your child. Staff will share your child's achievements over the past few months with you as well as discussing their next steps in learning. Settling-in reports will also be available for the children who started with us in August.

Dates are as follows:

Yellow/Green Group	Monday 6 November
Purple Group	Tuesday 7 November
Blue Group	Thursday 9 November
Yellow/Green Group	Friday 10 November

Please add your name to the sheet in the cloakroom to make an appointment. If you cannot manage on the date allocated, please speak to your child's keyworker who will arrange a time that is suitable for you.

SPARE CLOTHING

Our supplies of trousers and socks are running low. If you have any nursery clothes at home please return them. If you have any clothes age 3/4 or 4/5 that your child no longer needs please send them in to the nursery. Thank you.

Dates for your diary

Thursday 2 November	Parents' Evening 6.30-8.30pm
Mon 16 - Fri 20 October	Nursery closed for October Break
Monday 23 October	Nursery closed for in- service training
Tuesday 24 October	Nursery reopens
Tuesday 31 October	Hallowe'en Party and Sponsored Sing

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