

## **NEW STAFF**

You will be aware that several new members of staff have joined us over the last couple of weeks. We would like to give a special welcome to Hayley McConaghy, Layna Martin, Linda Millar and Gaynor Wines who have joined our staff team as Early Years Education and Childcare Officers. Next week Ann Gibbons will also be joining us. The children have now all settled into their new groups and we now have new red, pink and orange groups. The children are all enjoying staying for lunch and next week our final group of children will join us full-time.

## **FOCUS FOR LEARNING**

During the next few weeks the children will be learning about autumn and hibernation. Hoots Owls will be visiting next Monday and the children will have the opportunity look and hold a variety of owls. Hoots Owls have visited us before and it has always been a fabulous experience.

## **NUMICON HOME LEARNING BAGS**

Numicon is a resource we use to help children develop their numeracy skills. Home lending bags will start to go home next week for pre-school children. The bags will be given out on Mondays and should be returned the following Monday. We will be having two information sessions next Monday to show parents the resources and explain how they can be used at home. Please come along at 9.00 or 2.30. The sessions will only last for half an hour.

## **SPONSORED SING**

Thank you to everyone who came along to our sponsored sing. We hope you enjoyed listening to the children singing their Hallowe'en songs. We would be grateful if you would hand your sponsor money into the office as soon as possible if you have

not already done so. This money will help to pay for Christmas presents for the children and the entertainer for the Christmas party.

## **FOREST VISITS**

As you know the children enjoy their visits to the forest and love splashing in puddles. Please leave a bag of clothes - socks and trousers on your child's peg on the day they go to the forest so that they have a change of clothing if necessary. Our nursery supplies of socks and trousers are running very low. Please have a look and see if you have any nursery clothes at home. We would be delighted if you could return them. Thank you.

## **PANTOMIME OUTING**

We have been invited to Notre Dame High School's pantomime "Mother Goose" on Tuesday 5 December. All children are invited to attend the pantomime. We have booked a bus to go to Notre Dame. The children will return back to nursery at approximately 3.00pm. Please do not send juice or sweets with your child. We will provide a drink and something to eat.

## **CHRISTMAS "SPARKLY" WORKSHOP**

Would you like to spend some time with your child making Christmas decorations that you can take home? We will supply all the resources you will need for a sparkly, glittery Christmas! Come along on Wednesday 6 December from 9am - 10am or 12.30pm - 1.30pm and have some fun. Tea, coffee and mince pies will be provided in the Parents' Room afterwards.

## **NATIVITY PLAY**

The Nativity play will be held on Friday 15 December at 10.00am in All Saints Primary School Hall. All children will take part in the morning performance. Tea, coffee and mince pies will be available in the school hall afterwards.

## **CHRISTMAS PARTY**

We have booked Bob Bonkers, a children's entertainer for our Christmas party. The party will be held on Monday 18 December from 12.30 - 3.00pm. Santa will also be there with presents for the children. All children should attend the morning party.

## **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

Monday 13 November	Numicon for Parents 9.00am and 2.30pm
Monday 13 November	Hoots Owls visiting
Thursday 30 November	St Andrew's Day Celebrations
Tuesday 45 December	Pantomime Trip
Wednesday 6 December	"Sparkly" Christmas Workshop
Thursday 7 December	Pre-school children singing carols in Oak Mall- Ardgowan Hospice Fundraiser
Friday 15 December	Nativity Play at 10.00am
Monday 18 December	Christmas Party 12.30-3.00pm
Nursery closes on Wednesday 20 December at 2.30pm for Christmas break and reopens on Thursday 4 January	

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