Moorfoot Nursery Class

January 2019 Newsletter

Dear families,

Happy New Year and best wishes for 2019! We trust that you have enjoyed your break?

Thank you for all your lovely cards and gifts, they were very much appreciated.

This term (Jan – Mar) we will be looking at:

Health and well-being – how we fuel our bodies and how we can keep ourselves active. Our emotions and how they make us feel.

Love and friendship – the importance of these relationships in nursery.

Winter – how the environment around us adapts to the cold and frost (and snow).

**Staffing**:

There will be staffing changes this year, sadly we will say goodbye to Ms Swanson. She has been successful in securing a position with NHS Scotland and will return to her nursing roots in February.

We would like to wish Ms Swanson all the best in her new role, she will be missed. Her last day with us will be 01/02/19. We will confirm her replacement in due course.

**Nursery Collection Times**:

May we remind you that the children should be **collected** by 3.10pm (Mon – Thurs) and 12.10pm (Fri). Children that are not collected by this time will be taken to the school office for pick up. The nursery staff often has meetings and reviews after each day which need to be attended and completed before the end of their day.

**1140 Hours Pilot:**

The pilot is currently in phase 3b, we will be reviewing this over the next few months and will be consulting with you regarding the hours offered and provision of lunches etc. We are pleased that our pilot has been successful. We also aim to be flexible with our parents. Please keep a watch for information on the family information board or child’s tray.



**Snack Monies Due**

**Jan – April 2019**

**£36.00**

**Outdoor Learning and Play**:

Please can you ensure that your child has suitable clothing for the outdoors as we will operating our open-door policy throughout this term. Our children like to spend most of the day outdoors. The winter weather can be harsh, but particularly at Moorfoot where our garden is exposed to the unforgiving elements.

Recommendations for outdoor play clothing is:

**Thermal base layer** – leggings and long-sleeved vest

**Normal clothing** (jeans are best avoided as they get heavy when wet) socks and additional pairs they can add or change into if they get wet.

**Mid layers** – micro fleeces or an additional jumper.

**Outer layers** – Depending on the weather a thick coat for really cold days or a thinner coat on milder days. Waterproof trousers.

**Hats and gloves** – waterproof gloves are great as the children always find some form of ice, water or snow to play with and an extra pair in their bag is a help as the nursery is low on spare clothes.

**Footwear** – Wellies or snow boots.

It is easier to take off than add what we don’t have.

**Fundraising:**

We have completed an application to ASDA and are currently completing an application to TESCO for funding to support the development of our outdoor learning environment. We are hoping that we will be successful in these applications which will allow us to carry forward our plans for Forest School and for our garden development.

**Children’s Achievements:**

We will be encouraging the children to share their achievements with us and will be displaying these on leaves to hang on the tree outside the nursery door. You can complete them and hang on the tree, there will be an envelope with them in for you to complete. We love hearing that the children have their own achievements outwith nursery – such as; going to bed and sleeping all night or being able to swim with arm bands unaided.

This helps the children make the link between their homelife and nursery life, we would love to celebrate these achievements with you too as it allows the children their moment to be proud and opens discussion between the other children too.



**Stay and Play Dates:**

We are keen to continue with our stay and play dates in nursery as it gives our families a chance to interact in our environment, the children a chance to show pride in their achievements and abilities within the nursery environment and gives our families an opportunity to socialise and build friendships outwith the nursery. We have tried to accommodate all families by holding these on different days throughout the year, so you have the chance to come along to one stay and play date.

**JANUARY DATE**:

Friday 25th January 10.30 – 11.30am

**FEBRUARY DATE**

Tuesday 26th February 10.30 – 11.30am

**MARCH DATE:**

Thursday 21st March 10.30 – 11.30am

**Real Experiences**:

We are keen in the nursery to allow the children to have real life experiences, we currently offer crockery and glasses for snack and they will be encouraged to take responsibility for washing their snack dishes when they are finished. To develop this area further we will be bringing out the work bench with real tools. The children will be given a demonstration on how to use these correctly and will be supervised at this area until they have a great understanding and respect for the tools.