**Bishopbriggs Village Nursery**

**Scottish Charity No. SC006583**

June 2019 Newsletter

Children’s Learning

The children have been learning about summer, holidays and travel. The children have been taking part in a range of experiences including applying sun cream to the babies learning all about keeping safe in the sun. They have also been learning about different ways people go on holiday, we set up the tents and the gazebo for the children to enjoy picnics in. The children have also shown an interest in sea creatures and finding out information about then using the IPad.

Sports Fun Day

We held our Sports Day on Thursday 6th June with Alexander from Sports Squad. The children took part in an obstacle course, played fun games and finished with the donkey derby and body boards. The children were rewarded with a medal and an ice lolly for taking part. We also had some fun races at the beginning of the morning, which was great and all children took part we even managed a parents/carers race which the children all enjoyed. Thank you again to all who attended.

Mugdock Country Park

We all enjoyed a great morning at Mugdock Country Park on Thursday 13th June. The children all brought their teddies along for the teddy bear picnic. We went on the toadstool trail, enjoyed a lovely picnic snack and then finished off with some fun in the park and den building area.

Library

The library is now closed for the session. Please ensure that you return your child’s book and wallet to the Nursery. Thank you.

Feeder Schools

Our pre-school children have had several opportunities to visit their new primary schools to meet their teachers and the other children who will be in their class.

A.G.M.

Our AGM was held on Wednesday 19th June thank you to all who attended. We would also like to say a big thank you to the retiring committee members for all their hard work and look forward to working with the new committee. Thanks also to the Committee for organising teas/coffees on the evening.

Nursery Folders, Communication Pages and Early Level Transition Reports

The nursery learning journals are just finishing getting updated and then that will be them until August.

For the children who will be leaving us I would ask that you can download your child’s file to a PDF from Thursday 27th June until Wednesday 31st July 2019 after this date your child’s file will be deleted.

Rag Bag Bin

A huge thank you to everyone who has recycled their clothes, shoes, bags, linen, towels etc. The bin has been emptied regularly throughout the Nursery year. Please continue to make use of the Green Rag Bag Bin for recycling as it provides the Nursery with much needed extra funds.

Dates for your Diary

NURSERY CLOSES: THURSDAY 27th JUNE

Finally, the staff would like to thank everyone for supporting the Nursery throughout the year and we wish you all a happy and relaxing summer break.

We send our very best wishes to those children moving onto Primary School, and look forward to seeing all the returning children back at the Nursery on THURSDAY 15th AUGUST 2019 at 8.50am.

We also look forward to welcoming all our new children starting from August and throughout the year.

Committee News

**A.G.M.**

The Annual General Meeting (AGM) was held on Wednesday 19th June which covered nursery matters from April 2018 to March 2019. It was an encouraging turnout – thank you to those who attended and to those who took part. Apart from anything else, it was nice to have everyone together to support the staff and be in the loop with everything that has been happening within the nursery. A special thanks to those who provided refreshments!

**Linda Leaving**

We are sad to announce that Linda will be leaving the nursery at the end of term. She began working with us last August as Financial Administrator. We thank her for the time she has given to the nursery and the procedures she has put in place to aid the running of the financial side of things. We wish her well in her future.

**Fundraising**

Throughout the nursery year we endeavored to discern how much fundraising we could realistically expect to carry out – we hope that it has not been overbearing. We have had various forms of fundraising events which have brought in almost £1,488 to the nursery which will be used for the benefit of the children. Thank you to all parents, carers, extended family and friends for your contribution in this – it really is appreciated.

On that note, please remember throughout the summer break, if you are buying anything online to buy through Easy Fundraising (easyfundraising.org.uk). The Rag Bag Bin is also still there in the nursery car park too.

**Committee**

Thank you also to the committee who have worked very well together as a team. Their enthusiasm and energy to get things done (often after a tiring day at work or at home with children) have resulted in events running very effectively.

Some of the committee will sadly be leaving us as their children will be moving on to school. Thank you to each of them – they will be missed! Committee members who are able to are staying on which is appreciated. At the AGM, two new committee members were elected. Please consider joining the committee as many hands make light work!

The new committee now stands as follows:

Chairperson – Karen Nisbet

Treasurer – Munaza Rashid

Secretary – Sophie Cooper

Committee Member – Sarah Jane Carlin

Committee Member – Beth Christopherson

Committee Member – Clair Clark

Committee Member – Ching Mellan

Committee Member – Susan Gromley

Committee Member - Stephenie Nicholson

**School Time!**

A sad goodbye to all the children who will be leaving nursery this year to go up to school. Surely not already?! It will be strange not seeing them going into and coming out of nursery everyday – and us chatting to their parents / carers! We hope each child has a positive experience as they take on their next step – and benefits from the solid grounding they have received from Bishopbriggs Village Nursery.

We again wish Linda all the best as she leaves the nursery to take on more responsibility in her other job. Please take the chance to say goodbye if you see her on Wednesday.

**New Premises**

We are continuing to locate a suitable premises for the nursery to allow it to increase its provision for 2020. Please rest assured that the nursery remains and we endeavor to seek out the best possible solution for both children and staff.

**Goodbye from Me!**

As has been the case since I joined the committee, my role as chairperson has been made very simple for me with the help and instruction (and often carrying out of said instruction!) by management. Thank you to Heather for her assistance to me throughout this year in the nursery. She has gone above and beyond what her role entails and has proven to show a genuine love and care for each of our children. The rest of the staff have also been very helpful and always endeavor to be of assistance when asked. On behalf of the committee and parents of the children, thank you to each one of the staff members for the care and attention you show to each of our children. You really do create such a warm and loving environment which any parent can only hope for within a nursery. It has been a privilege (albeit a busy one, at times!) to serve as chairperson of Bishopbriggs Village Nursery and I have every confidence that Karen will only improve what is of current practice. I am so sad to say goodbye to what has not just been a nursery but a group of “extended family” whom I have entrusted with the care of my children. I could not think of anywhere else I would choose to send my children. I, of course, will be back in a year with my “feisty” third child!

**Holiday Time**

We hope that you all enjoy a fun summer break with your children whether staying at home or going away. And that you can find some time to relax and enjoy yourself too!

Thanks for your support,

**Bishopbriggs Village Nursery Committee**