

# Bishopbriggs Village Nursery

Scottish Charity No: SC006583

## Newsletter Sept/Oct



### Children's Learning



This month the children have been learning about the nursery routine, sharing, taking turns and listening.

The children also showed a huge interest in Dinosaurs. The children have been taking part in a range of experiences. They have made dinosaur nest cakes and dinosaur smoothies. They have made dinosaur masks and dinosaur homes with junk material.

The children enjoyed exploring a variety of textures such as gloop, ice, sand, water, shaving foam and many more. The children have been carrying out dinosaur number hunts and so much more.

We are now moving on to spend a few weeks looking at Autumn and the season changes. The children will also be learning about friendship and having respect for each other while they learn about Autumn. We will be going on walks to find leaves and conkers. If the children are out on a walk and they find some leaves or conkers or anything else Autumn related they can bring them in to the nursery to show their friends.

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### Parents' Appointments

Our first parents' appointments will take place the w/c 7<sup>th</sup> October.

The appointments will be held throughout the nursery session. During these days we would ask for your patience as we will have to ask you to change the children's shoes and hang their jackets up in the playroom.

**The appointment sheet will be up in the Kelvin room if you have not replied to the email to ask for a specific time then please add your name to the list.**



### Christmas Cards



I know it is early however, we need to start planning ahead. The children will be designing their own Christmas cards. The design will then be sent away to be made into the Christmas cards.

The cards come in packs of 12 and cost £7 each. Order forms have already been sent out. Please return these together with the money as soon as possible.

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### Nursery News

- **1140 Hours**

As you will all be aware, come August 2020 the Government will be offering all children aged 3 – 5 years old 1140 hours of funded childcare.

As a nursery, we are making good progress with how we are going to be offering these hours.

We just have a few more confirmations to make with the council and Care Inspectorate. We will keep you informed with the progress and will be consulting with all our parents regarding the new hours in due course.

- **Staff update**

The interviews for a new Early Years Practitioner were successful and we have now appointed someone for the position. We are awaiting the final checks coming through before confirming a start date and will keep you informed about this process.

- **Our student**

Natalie, our student from Cardonald College, started with us in August and will be in Tuesday to Friday until the end of term.

She has settled well into the nursery and building relationships with all the children.

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• **Cloakroom**

We just wanted to let you know that one of the coat peg units is leaning to one side. We would ask that you try and limit what you put on that side so that everything doesn't fall off.

• **Nursery Garden**

The nursery garden has become a bit rundown after the summer holidays. There is a lot of overgrown weeds and resources which need to go to the dump and the floor also needs swept and cleaned as it can get a bit slippery.

If anyone has any spare time that could come and help us make it beautiful again if you could let me know and we can get a time sorted.

• **Indoor shoes / Toilet**

Can we please ask that all children visit the toilet before coming in to the playroom and that they have changed into their indoor shoes.



**Important Dates**



2019	
Sept weekend	Fri 27 <sup>th</sup> Sept – Tues 1 <sup>st</sup> Oct
Nursery re-opens	Wed 2 <sup>nd</sup> Oct
Pre-school vision screening	Wed 2 <sup>nd</sup> Oct
Parents' Meetings	Mon 7 <sup>th</sup> – Wed 9 <sup>th</sup> Oct
In-Service Day	Fri 11 <sup>th</sup> Oct
October Week	Mon 14 <sup>th</sup> Oct – Fri 18 <sup>th</sup> Oct
Halloween Party	Thursday 31 <sup>st</sup> Oct
Children In Need	Fri 15 <sup>th</sup> Oct
St Andrew's Day	Fri 29 <sup>th</sup> Nov
Christmas Concert	w/c 9 <sup>th</sup> Dec (exact date tbc soon)
Christmas Party	Thurs 19 <sup>th</sup> Dec (santa will visit at 11am)
Last Day of Term	Fri 20 <sup>th</sup> Dec
2020	
Children return	Mon 6 <sup>th</sup> Jan
Burns Day	Fri 24 <sup>th</sup> Jan
Chinese New Year	Mon 27 <sup>th</sup> – Thurs 30 <sup>th</sup> Jan
In-service Day	Fri 7 <sup>th</sup> Feb
February Break	Mon 10 <sup>th</sup> & Tues 11 <sup>th</sup> Feb
In-service Day	Wed 12 <sup>th</sup> Feb
World Book Day	Thurs 5 <sup>th</sup> Mar
Sports Relief Week	Mon 9 <sup>th</sup> Mar – Fri 13 <sup>th</sup> Mar
Easter Holidays	Mon 6 <sup>th</sup> Apr – Fri 17 <sup>th</sup> Apr
Bank Holiday	Fri 8 <sup>th</sup> May
In-Service Day	Thurs 21 <sup>st</sup> May
May Bank Holiday	Fri 22 <sup>nd</sup> May – Mon 25 <sup>th</sup> May
Pre-school Graduation	Mon 22 <sup>nd</sup> June
Last Day of Term	Wed 24 <sup>th</sup> June

**COMMITTEE NEWS**



**Nursery Ceilidh**



The Nursery Ceilidh will take place on **Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> October 3pm – 5pm** in the Nursery hall.

This event has always been well attended in recent years and every penny raised goes straight back into providing resources and activities for the children which they would otherwise do without. We appreciate your continued support with our fundraising efforts!

Members of the Committee will be selling tickets at pick up time each day this week and next.

Tickets are priced at:

£10 for a family ticket (2 adults & 2 children)

£4 per adult

£2 per child (under 3s free)

We also have some fabulous raffle prizes up for grabs – raffle tickets are priced at £1 per strip.