

St. Bernadette's Nursery Class



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Nursery Interests

We will continue to develop our nursery plans through the interest of the children. Our Under the Sea interest has come to an end and we have voted on our new interest. The children have chosen to investigate weather! Please keep looking at our floorbook to see all the work the children have been doing and feel free to add your own comments to the floorbook.

Our interest will be incorporated with Christmas over the next few weeks.

Forest Friday

Forest Friday has been very successful with the children enjoying their woodland visits.

Our final Forest Friday session for 2017 will be on Friday 24th of November thereafter woodland sessions are postponed until after the Christmas break. Nursery sessions will continue as normal but within the nursery building.

Forest Friday will commence again after the Christmas break. Staff will inform you of the date nearer the time.



Pantomime Visit

A reminder that the nursery children will be attending 'Eric the Elf' at the MacRoberts Centre in Stirling on Tuesday 19th December.

Please be at the nursery for 12.30pm as the bus will leave at 12.45pm sharp. The bus is expected to be back for 3.15pm.

All children should attend an afternoon nursery session on this occasion and there will be no morning session on this day.

The cost is £8 per child and this must be paid before Wednesday 29th November. We now have enough parent helpers. Thank you.

Nursery Nativity Play

This year our Nativity will take place on **Friday 8th December**. The show will take place in the school hall. For the morning children the doors will open at **10.15am** with the show beginning at **10.30am**. For the afternoon children the doors will open at **1.45pm** with the show beginning at **2.00pm**.

There will be an opportunity at the end of the performance to take photographs of your child. Please be mindful that posting photographs of other children on social media should be discouraged without prior consent from other parents. Immediately after each performance children will be taken back to nursery to have costumes taken off and will be returned to you in the hall to enjoy post performance refreshments. After this you are free to leave with your child.

Any donations of home baking will be most welcome on the day.

Christmas Party

The Christmas party will be held on **Friday 15th December** during the morning session. There will be a special visitor at the party and you are more than welcome to come and see him. Our special visitor will arrive at 10.30am. **Please remember there will be no afternoon session on offer on this occasion as we are visiting the pantomime as a whole nursery therefore all children should attend the morning session.**

Primary 1 Enrolment

Primary 1 enrolment for St Bernadette's will take place on **Wednesday 10th January**. The times are 9.00-11.30 am and then 1.00-3.00pm.

Please bring Birth certificate, Catholic baptismal certificate and proof of address. Placing request forms can be obtained from the school office and will be accepted at Sealock House between December and March. Please see the Falkirk Council website for more information.

Giving Christmas Tree

As some of you may know last year we had a 'Giving Christmas Tree' in the nursery, where gifts that you donated were collected by The Salvation Army to give to families who do not have a lot at Christmas. We were overwhelmed with the amount of gifts donated last year and this year we hope that we can do this again. Any gifts that you wish to donate will be greatly appreciated by ourselves and The Salvation Army but please do not feel that you need to do this as we understand that Christmas can be an expensive time of the year.

Major John McCaffrey will be coming into the nursery in December to meet our nursery children and collect the gifts. We ask that the gifts are handed into the nursery before the 15th of December.

Last year Major John McCaffrey informed us that they struggle for presents for teenage boys and girls the most. The Salvation Army have said that they will accept presents which are wrapped or unwrapped. We shall provide labels and ask you to write the age and gender of the child on these. If the gift is already wrapped please also write what is inside.



Here are some suggestions from the Salvation Army for different age ranges

0-3 : dolls, teddy bears, cot mobiles, baby clothes, bath toys, CDs of suitable music and nursery rhymes, puzzles.

3-5 : dolls and action figures, cars, lorries, DVDs and CDs (music and nursery rhymes), colouring sets, pencils, crayons, books, puzzles.

5-9 : educational games and toys, stationery (colouring sets, pencils, crayons, school sets.) CDs and family friendly DVDs, books, puzzles, word search, crosswords.

9-12 : games and toys, stationery, CDs, DVDs, books, T-shirts, hair accessories, gloves scarves, hats.

13-16 : CDs, DVDs, Vouchers, books, make-up and toiletries (please try to ensure non-allergic ingredients if possible), gloves, scarves, hats, T-Shirts, hair accessories.

Dates for your diary

Wednesday 29th November—Pantomime money to be paid

Friday 8th December - Nursery Nativity

Friday 15th December—Salvation Army Donations to be in

Friday 15th December - Nursery party (**everyone to attend AM session**)

Tuesday 19th December—Eric the Elf pantomime (**everyone to attend PM session**)

Friday 22nd December - School closes at 1pm

Monday 8th January - Nursery resumes

Wednesday 10th January—Primary 1 enrolments



Raffle Prizes

As you should be aware from Class Dojo the nursery staff are asking for donations to make Christmas hampers and raffle prizes. Anything you could donate would be very much appreciated. Please hand in any donations to a member of the nursery team.

We will be selling raffle tickets for £1.00 a strip to win a hamper or raffle prize which will be drawn at our nursery nativity.

Health Checks

Please remember it is Falkirk Council Policy that a child should not return to school or nursery until they are 48 hours clear of any sickness / diarrhoea illness.

Regular checks for Head Lice are always recommended.

