

St. Bernadette's Nursery Class



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Welcome

Welcome back to our sixth year at St. Bernadette's. A very warm welcome to all of our new children and their parents/carers.

We would like to welcome our new staff members to the nursery. Miss Trimmer will be with us all day Tuesday, and Wednesday morning. Miss Rollo will be with us on a Wednesday morning.

Student placements

We are pleased to welcome Miss Gunn who is working towards completing her Modern Apprenticeship with Falkirk Council.

Miss Brookes is visiting us from the West of Scotland University and will be with us for the next two weeks for her nursery placement.

Mrs Grattan is a HNC student from Forth Valley College. Her placement days are a Monday and Tuesday and she is due to start on the 25th of September.

Nursery Interests

We will continue to develop our nursery plans through the interest of the children. This interest is currently 'Dinosaurs'. Please keep looking at our Floorbook and your child's Online Learning Journal to see all the work the children have been doing. Please feel free to add your own comments to the Floorbook and your child's Online Learning Journal.

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.

Nursery Routines

A wee reminder that children should change into indoor shoes on arrival at nursery. We ask that children wear shoes that are easy to get on and off to help promote independence in your child.

We aim to use our outdoor environment on a daily basis and would urge that children come dressed appropriately with a suitable outdoor coat and footwear. Please label everything with your child's name.

Please encourage your child to leave all toys at home with the exception of new starts where their comfort toy can be kept in their tray. Staff cannot be held responsible if children's toys go missing.

Remember to read the white board in the nursery reception regularly as this will be updated on a daily basis.

Forest Friday Parents Information Session

Friday 20th October

10.45 – 11.15am

2.30 – 3pm

Nursery Staff are holding an information session for parents in the school library to which all parents are invited.

At this meeting you will find out more about the experience your child will get when at the woodland site. It is also an opportunity for you to ask any questions you may have about this important curricular area.

Nursery Snack and Activity Money

Snack and Activity Money is **£2.50** a week. The **£2** goes towards buying weekly snacks, craft materials, new nursery resources and outings/trips.

The remaining **50p** goes towards the Little Tiger Cubs Programme that the children take part in every Monday with Miss Risk.

You will find your child's money bag with their name on it in their nursery bag in the cloak room. Once you have put the money in the money bag we ask that you put it in the **black box** which is now kept in the cloakroom where you sign your child in.

Please comment on current nursery practise. We value your views and any suggestions/comments are always welcome.



Halloween Activities

Halloween is fast approaching and the nursery shall be bubbling with witches' spells and ghoulish delights of skeletons, slime and yuck! Our Halloween party shall take place during each session on **Tuesday 31st October**. Fancy dress is optional.



Nursery Door

Just a reminder that parents and carers must not open the cloakroom door for **anyone**. If a member of staff is not at the door please use the buzzer system to gain entry. This is to ensure children's safety at all times in nursery.

Forest Friday

Forest Friday will replace last year's Muddy Monday. This is to ensure the optimum number of staff are available.

Our first visit will be on **Friday 27th October 2017**. This will continue every Friday until further notice. We will attend the woodlands in all weather conditions but will inform you via text message or Class Dojo if the woodlands session has to be cancelled at short notice. In the event of a cancellation please bring your child to nursery as normal. This would only occur if the weather was too slippery underfoot or if there were exceptionally high winds. Please ensure your mobile contact details are kept up to date.

The woodland site is at the NHS Woodland Site, Larbert. This is located within the grounds of the Forth Valley Royal Hospital. To gain entry into the woodlands we will meet at the Night Entrance next to the Accident and Emergency Department of the hospital. There are adequate drop off / pick up bays available at this meeting point. Staff will be waiting at the seating area to collect your child and will return them to this point at the end of the session. Session times for the woodlands are slightly different to allow older children to be dropped off and collected from school on time. They will be:

Morning Session

8.35am - 11.20am

Afternoon Session

12.30pm - 3.15pm

The woodland site can be muddy so old clothes, wellington boots and warm waterproof jackets or all-in-one suit are highly recommended. Warm socks are beneficial when wellies are worn to make sure that little toes remain warm. The nursery do have basic waterproof trousers and jackets which can be borrowed on arrival. Please ensure your child is wrapped up sufficiently.

Online Learning Journals

Children's observations will continue to be recorded using the online format introduced last year.

The link to access your child's journal is: <https://stbernadettes.yourlearningjournals.co.uk/login.aspx>

We are going to hold a parents' information session on 26th October at 5.30pm which will give you an insight into how to access and get the most out of your child's journal.

If you are a new parent, you should have received an e-mail at the start of term which contains information on how to register and access the site.

Dates for your diary

Monday 9th October—Holiday all week

Monday 16th October—In-service day (Nursery closed)

Friday 20th October—Forest Friday Parents Information Session

Friday 27th October—First visit to the forest

Tuesday 31st October—Halloween Party

Friday 8th December—proposed date for Nativity (details to follow)

Friday 15th December—proposed date for Christmas party (details to follow)

