

# St. Bernadette's Nursery Class

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## August/ September 2018

### Nursery Interests

Over the past few weeks our new and returning children have been settling into nursery and getting to know our new staff.

The children have been expressing their interests and together we voted for our new topic that they wanted to learn about; families.

### Transition

All our children are settling in to our new full day nursery routine. Children are now here from 9am till 2:45-3pm. Children are now having school lunches along with a snack in the morning and a snack in the afternoon.

Children will continue to play in both the nursery outdoor garden and the school playground—so they can continue to play with all of their friends and siblings!



### New Staff

We have some new staff joining us this year, so we'd like to welcome:

- Mrs Honeyman—Orange Group
- Ms Trimmer—(Mon-Wed AM) Purple Group
- Miss McArdle—(Wed PM-Fri) Purple Group
- Mrs McLean—(Covering Mrs Kinnaird) Green Group
- Miss Howland—Modern Apprentice

We'd also like to welcome back:

- Mrs Gall— Senior EYO and Blue Group
- Mrs Kazcmarska—(Covering Mrs Salutous) Red Group
- Miss Brown—Modern Apprentice

We have two new Childcare Assistants working 11am-2pm.

- Mrs Murphy
- Miss McNaughton

### Waterproof clothing

At St. Bernadette's Nursery Class we pride ourselves on being an outdoor nursery and try to have our children outdoors for at least half of the session. We ask that all children have appropriate outdoor clothing as we are out in **ALL** weathers. (wellington boots, waterproof jacket and waterproof trousers.)

If any parents or carers have any waterproof clothing that their child has outgrown the nursery would be happy to take them. We used to have full sets along with waterproof trousers but unfortunately some of these have gone missing.



### Snack Money

Snack and activity money is **£2.50 per week**. Lunch is provided free of charge. Each child has their own labelled money bag in their bag on their peg. Please use this bag and ensure that any money paid is labelled with your child's name.

### Nursery Times

The nursery doors will open for drop off at 9am when the school bell rings. The doors will then open for pick up at 2:45pm and all children must be **picked up by 3pm at the latest**.

**If you are picking any children up from the school, can you please pick up nursery children first to make sure they are picked up by 3pm.**

### 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.

**If your child is unwell the best place for them is at home. We cannot ensure children stay inside when recovering from illness as we are an outdoor nursery and children spend a large part of their day outdoors.**

### Children's choice

The children in St Bernadette's Nursery Class are valued and respected through giving them the choice in their learning. They choose where they play both indoors and outdoors. They choose when they come for snack. They make decisions on the resources they would like to use that day/week which includes colours of paints, collage materials, the books they are read. This enables the children to be creative and take ownership of their learning. Each week children make choices on the snacks they would like to have the following week and staff have started allowing children to phone our supplier of fruit and vegetables to order in the fruit they would like. This provides children with skills for life, learning and work.



### Developing the garden

In the next few months our emphasis is on developing our nursery garden. Any parents who could come in and help us paint tyres, make resources and have any ideas/suggestions please let a member of staff know. Please click the link attached for ideas on the resources we require and if you have any of these we would be extremely grateful!

<http://www.playscotland.org/parents-families/loose-parts-play/>

### Important dates 2018/2019

- October holidays Monday 15th – Friday 19th
- In-service Day Monday 22nd October —Children return on Tuesday 23rd October
- Nursery Nativity—Friday 7th December
- Nursery Christmas Party— Friday 14th December
- Christmas Pantomime Dates to be Confirmed



## Learning Taking Place



Voting for our new interest!



We celebrated National Toasted marshmallow day on Thursday 30th August. #science



We are effective contributors and responsible citizens. We set the table before lunch and are learning the new lunchtime routine!