

# 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 'People Who Help Us' interest is ongoing, 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.



### Nursery Nativity Play

This year our Nativity will take place on **Friday 7th December**. The show will take place in the school hall. The doors will open at **1.30pm** with the show beginning at **1.45pm**. 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.

### Primary 1 Enrolment

Primary 1 enrolment for St Bernadette's will take place on **Wednesday 16th 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.

### Trekking Thursday

The woodland session dates for this term as are follows;

- **25th October , 29th November (Blue group)**
- **1st November, 6th December (Red Group)**
- **8th November, 13th December (Green Group)**
- **15th November, 17th January (Purple Group)**
- **22nd November, 24th January (Orange group)**

We will attend the woodlands in all weather conditions . If woodland sessions were to be cancelled at short notice, we would keep the children in 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 can be muddy so old clothes and wellington boots are highly recommended. The nursery do have **some** waterproof trousers and jackets which can be borrowed on arrival. Please ensure your child is sufficiently wrapped up warm.

We are always looking for volunteers to assist in the woodlands and if you wish to do so please add your name to the rota located in the nursery reception.

### Christmas Party

The Christmas party will be held on **Friday 14th December** during the morning. There will be a special visitor at the party!

Please bring your child dressed in their party clothes. Children will be in their party clothes for the rest of the day, however, if you wish to change your child after the party you can come in at 11.20 to change them.



### Cinema Visit

The nursery children will be attending the Hippodrome in Boness on Thursday the 29th November to see the show 'Small Foot' as a treat for Christmas.

The cost is £4 per child and this must be paid before Friday 16th November.

All children will attend the nursery as normal on this day and we will return for lunch.

### Raffle Prizes

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.

### Dates for your diary

**Friday 16th November**—Cinema money to be paid by

**Thursday 29th November**—Trip to Cinema

**Friday 7th December** - Nursery Nativity

**Friday 14th December** - Nursery party

**Wednesday 19th December**—Salvation Army Donations to be in

**Friday 21st December** - Last day of term

**Monday 7th January** - Nursery resumes

**Primary 1 Enrolment** - Wednesday 16th January.



### 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.



### 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.

A member of Salvation Army team 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 19<sup>th</sup> of December.

Last year we were informed that The Salvation Army 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.