

St. Bernadette's Nursery Class



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Welcome Back!

We hope you all had a lovely Christmas and a Happy New Year! The staff and children are all very excited to be back at nursery.

Nursery Interests

We will continue to develop our nursery plans through the interest of the children. Previously children were following their 'Christmas' interest which has now come to an end. Staff have observed children to see where the new interest lies. The children have chosen for our new interest to be 'Dinosaurs'!

Please keep looking at our floorbook and ask staff if you wish to see your child's learning journey if you wish 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 learning journey.

Clothing

Please ensure that your child has appropriate clothing for nursery. As the weather is getting colder it would be advised that you provide your child with a hat, scarf, gloves and a warm jacket. Please make sure your child's name is on these items.

It would be helpful if you could make sure there is at least one full change of clothes in your child's nursery bag. If your child borrows clothes from nursery can these please be returned.



Thank you so much to those of you who have handed in donations of nursery clothes. It is very much appreciated.



Trekking Thursday

Our Forest visits are due to start back in February. The groups will take it in turn to visit the forest and the other groups will stay in nursery as normal. Please ensure staff have up to date contact details and children are all dressed appropriately. There is a parent rota in the cloakroom if you wish come and spend time with your child during their visit to the forest.



The dates for the forest are listed below

Forest Dates

Green Group	– 27/02/20	23/04/20
Red Group	– 05/03/20	28/05/20
Blue Group	– 12/03/20	07/05/20
Orange Group	– 19/03/20	14/05/20
Purple Group	– 26/03/20	19/05/20

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.

Cloakroom

Please ensure your child's name is on **all** their clothing. Staff cannot be held responsible if items of clothing go missing.

If staff find clothing with no name it, it will be placed on the middle of the tables for a week before going into the lost property box.

At the end of the day our main priority is the safety of the children. As you can appreciate the cloakroom can become very busy during collection times and staff are unable to look for lost shoes or clothes during this time. If you cannot find your child's clothing or shoes, please feel free to look around the cloakroom as they may be at another child's peg or inform a member of staff who will try and locate these items for the following day.

Outdoor Learning

At St. Bernadette's Nursery Class we pride ourselves on being an outdoor nursery and try to have our children outdoors for most 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.)



The NHS website states "the only thing that can cause a cold or flu is a cold or flu virus. Getting cold or wet won't give you a cold."

Stay and Play

We are inviting parents and carers into the nursery for a 'stay and play' on Monday 10th February from 9.15–10.35.

The first group will go to Tiger Cubs with their child, then back to nursery for a play. The second group will stay in the nursery for a play and then go to Tiger Cubs with their child.

Please inform a member of staff if you wish to come for the 'stay and play'.

You said...We did...

Through our consultations and our Returned Two Stars and a Wish we have taken on board suggestions and comments

We thank all parents/carers for their valued input and have listened and are looking at ways to improve the service for our families.

1. Some parent's commented that they wished there was more pictures of their child on the twitter account. All staff have now been shown how to upload pictures to our twitter account and are trying to tweet more frequently to show what the children have been doing their day at nursery.
2. Some parents commented that their child enjoys baking activities. Staff then asked children who agreed they enjoyed days when we did baking. Staff are now offering at least one baking activity a week.

Toys to Nursery

Please encourage your child to leave all toys at home, this included dressing up costumes. We have lots of resources for your children to play with in the nursery and sometimes toys can be mistaken for nursery toys or other children's toys and staff cannot be held responsible if your child's toys go missing or gets broken.

Lunch

If your child is coming to nursery but you are running late, can you please phone the nursery to ensure a lunch is ordered for them a lunch **before** 9.45.

The direct number to nursery is 503404.

Mother's Day Tea Party

We are holding a Tea Party to celebrate Mothers Day on Wednesday 18th March.

Mum or Gran is invited to attend between 10.15-11.00.

Unfortunately due to space, we are only allowed one adult per child.

Please inform a member of staff if you wish to attend.



My Learning at Home

Staff have created a 'my learning at home sheet' which can be found in a blue wallet in the cloakroom. E and A are showing you where it can be found in the photo below.

Please help yourself to one of these sheets and write what you child has been doing at home. You can stick a picture onto the sheet and return it to the nursery. If you do not have a way to print the pictures please feel free e-mail them to the nursery and staff will happily print these out for you. The e-mail address is

stbernadettesprimaryschool@falkirk.gov.uk



Staff Learning

Mrs Kinnaird has passed her assignment on 'Social and cultural concepts of childhood' for her BA in Childhood Practice.

All staff will be attending a course about learning, teaching and assessment on the in-service days in February and April.

Mrs Kinnaird will be attending several courses about 'getting to grip with pedagogy'. This course aims to allow her to feedback to the team how to make real sense of the learning process and what it can look and feel like. Within this recognising the importance of observation and making the children's learning visible. It will also support staff in creating a learning environment that takes account of the developmental needs of the children and their voices in the setting.

Parent Council

The next meeting is Tuesday 28th January at 6.30pm in the school.

If you are interested in joining the Parent Council please e-mail

stbernadettesparentcouncil@gmail.com.

CD's

If you have any old CD's that you no longer use or that do not work staff will happily take them to create sensory objects for the garden.

Family Photograph

Can all parents/carers please hand in a photograph of your child and their family to a member of staff. We purchased a photo album so children can look at pictures of their families while they spend time in the home corner of our nursery. If you prefer you can email a photograph into the nursery instead.

Students and work experience

We would like to welcome Mrs Blair into the nursery. Mrs Blair will be with us on a Tuesday morning. She currently works in after school care and is looking for some experience in our nursery.

We also have Miss Waugh who is a university student. She will be with us on a Tuesday as of next week.

Bottles

Staff are looking for 2 litre plastic bottles with lids.

We are trying to create a house using recycled bottles so if you have any can you please give washed out bottles to staff.

Important dates 2020

- **Parent Council Meeting**— Tuesday 28th January
- **Stay and Play**—Monday 10th February
- **Public holiday**—Friday 14th February and Monday 15th February
- **In-service day**— Tuesday 18th February (nursery closed)
- **Mother's Day Tea Party**—Wednesday 18th March
- **Easter holidays**—Monday 6th April—Friday 17th April
- **In-service day**—Thursday 30th April and Friday 1st May (nursery closed)
- **May holiday**—Friday 8th May
- **Nursery Sports day**— Friday 12th June





Children worked together to construct a dinosaur using recycled materials.



The children have been using the blocks to construct lots of different models to promote imaginative play.

