

# St. Bernadette's Nursery Class



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## September 2022

### Welcome back!

We would like to extend a warm welcome to all our new children and parents. We would also like to welcome back the rest of the children and parents after our Autumn break.

We hope our newsletter will inform you about events and activities happening during this term.



### Staffing

The staffing in the nursery this session will be as follows

**Mrs Kinnaid**—Senior Early Years Officer

**Mrs Honeyman** - Early Years Officer (Orange Group)

**Mrs MacLean**—Early Years Officer (Green Group)

**Miss Trimmer**—Early Years Officer (Purple Group)

**Mrs Morrison Love**—Early Years Officer (Red Group)

**Miss Anderson**— Early Years Officer (Blue Group)

**Miss Kemp**—Early Learning and Childcare Assistant

**Mrs Armstrong**—Support for Learning Assistant

Staff pictures can be found later in the newsletter

### Nursery door

We are now using the nursery door at the main reception. The door will open at 9.00am for drop off and then 2.45pm for collection. All children must be collected by 3.00pm.

Please remember to sign your child in and write who is collecting your child at the end of the day, along with what time they are getting collected at.

### Important dates

**Thursday 8th September**—Nursery Photographs

**Monday 12th September**—Nursery closed for September weekend



**Monday 10th October**—Nursery closes for 2 weeks for holiday

**Friday 25th November**—Nursery closed for in-service day

**Thursday 22nd December**—Nursery closes for Christmas holidays

**Monday 9th January**—Nursery reopens

**Friday 10th February**—Nursery closed for holiday

**Monday 13th February**—Nursery closed for holiday

**Tuesday 14th February**—Nursery closed for in-service day

### 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.**

**If your child is not well enough to go outdoors, then they should not be in nursery.**

### Activities in Nursery

Every Monday we have Miss Risk from Tiger Cubs who comes in to teach us Taekwon-Do.

Every Thursday morning the children have Under the Tree's at the Orphan Land.

Every Thursday afternoon the children have singing time with Kirsty from Youth Music Initiative (YMI).

### Toys to Nursery

Please try and discourage your child from bringing toys to nursery. These can be lost by accident and children can get extremely upset if staff can't find these items.

Children should not bring any food or sweeties into nursery either.

### On the scrounge...

We are currently doing up our home corner in the nursery.

If you have any of the following items lying around in the house that you no longer want please feel free to hand them into the nursery.

- Utensils (e.g. whisks, spatulas, plastic jugs etc.)
- Scales
- Jewellery
- Dolls clothes
- Baby bottles and baby bowls
- Small dressing table
- Standing lamp
- Empty perfume bottles
- Metal bowls
- Picnic plates and cups
- Picnic basket/bag

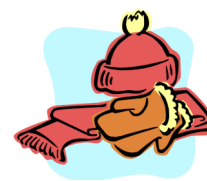
### Payment for Tiger Cubs

We have worked out the cost for Tiger Cubs this term and it comes to £7.50 per child. This is due to the increase in costs due to the cost of living.

If anyone has any problems paying this please speak to Mrs Kinnaird.

### Appropriate Clothing

Please ensure that your child has appropriate clothing for nursery. As the weather is getting colder over the next couple of months, we ask that you provide your child with a hat and gloves which can be kept at nursery.



**We also ask that your child has their own pair of wellie boots and waterproofs which can be kept at nursery.**

We understand that the cost of living is increasing at the moment so if you are unable to provide these items to be kept in nursery, please speak to Mrs Kinnaird.

Please make sure your child's name is on these items. It would also be helpful if you could make sure there is at least one change of clothes in your child's nursery bag.

If your child borrows nursery clothes, could these please be returned once your child has finished with them.

### Outdoor Play and Learning

Our staff are huge believers in outdoor play and learning, and the benefits it has on children's learning and development. Our children have access to their outdoor environment throughout their day and choose to access it as they wish.

Many of our children engage in 'risky play'. As a parent, this may seem daunting but it is a huge part of our day to day life. Staff support children to challenge themselves during their play. This might involve climbing up a tree, walking along a wobbly plank, rolling tyres or using real life tools. The children are encouraged to assess obstacles prior to attempting them and are always encouraged to 'give it a go' to challenge themselves.

Accidents do happen, and sometimes your child may have a wee fall or tumble. This is all part of the learning experience and observations have shown us that our children are becoming more resilient, meaning they just get up and try again. Staff ensure that children are taking safe risks that cannot cause serious injury or harm.

### **Woodland Walks with Under the Trees**

Under The Trees are a charity providing Environmental Education to all age groups and abilities and have chosen to work with our nursery for the year!

We will be visiting the Orphan Land every Thursday, which is a short walk from nursery.

We will attend the Orphan Land in all weather conditions. If an Under the Tree's 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.

The Orphan Land 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 to nursery should you forget. Please ensure your child is sufficiently wrapped up.

At the moment all our returning children will be attending the Orphan Land every week, and once our new children have settled into the nursery environment, they will attend the Orphan Land too.

## Meet our team...



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