

# St. Bernadette's Nursery Class



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## Signing into nursery

Can all children please be signed into the nursery when they are dropped off. Please write down who is collecting them and what time they will be collected at. **This is to ensure their safety.**

## Library visits

We have been enjoying our visits to the library on a weekly basis. The children have developed so many skills through meeting new people, hearing new songs and stories and going on the bus. Ask your child if they can remember anything about their visit to the library.



Staff will give you a pink slip if you wish to get a library card for your child. All you need to do is take proof of ID and the pink slip to the library.

Over the Summer holidays there are reading challenges and various clubs on in the library that your child may enjoy. For more information please look at @LibFalkirk on Twitter.

## Important dates

**Friday 16th June**—Sports day (1.00pm)

**Monday 26th June**—Moving on celebration (1.00pm)

**Friday 30th June**—Nursery closes for Summer holidays



## Clothing

Please ensure your child has at least one change of clothes in their nursery bag in case they need changed during the nursery session.

Can all clothing please have your child's name clearly labelled on their clothes items.

## Nursery Trip

This Friday is our trip to Play Bugs!

Children should come to nursery as usual on this day. The bus will leave the nursery at 9.30am and will come back for us at 12.15pm. When children come back they will have their lunch as normal.

## Sun Cream

Can we please ask that **ALL** children have sun cream applied **before** they come into nursery in the morning.



This will be reapplied in the afternoon by staff.

If you have not put sun cream on your child before they enter the playroom, you will be asked to do this in the cloakroom. Staff are very busy in the morning and can't apply sun cream to 40 children.

### Nursery Hoodies

Nursery hoodies can be ordered by messaging Make your Marque on Facebook for £14.95 each.

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### Tiger Cubs Payment

The cost for Tiger Cubs for this term is £7. If you have not yet paid this please can this be handed into staff as soon as possible.



### Moving on Celebration

We will be having our moving on celebration on **Monday 26th June** at **1.00pm** in the school gym hall.

The children will be singing some of their favourite songs and then having some cakes after.

Any donations of home baking (or bought!) are welcome. We would love for all of you to attend !

### 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.



### Leaving Nursery

If your child is going to school and they no longer need their nursery t-shirts or jumpers and you do not plan on using them in the future for any other children, we will happily take these for our nursery swap shop.

### Transition

Our transition programme from nursery to primary 1 will continue with activities such as shared playtimes on a weekly basis, visits around the school, meeting school staff and attending other school events where appropriate such as assembly.



**Monday 5th of June** and **Monday 19th of June** pre-school children will go into the primary 1 classroom from 9.15am—10.00am. Parent's do not need to come to this as this is supported by staff.

**Tuesday 13th June** from 3.30pm-4.30pm there is a transition event in the big garden which all parents are invited to with their child.

Children have weekly opportunities to meet with their buddies in the big garden, as well as the nursery playroom.

### Nursery Sports Day

We are having our nursery sports day on **Friday 16th June at 1.00pm**.

We would love to invite you all to help us cheer on the children while they participate in some fun races.

We ask that on this day children come wearing something comfortable to run in.

### Wheelie Wednesday

The children are really enjoying our weekly Wheelie Wednesday's! Staff have seen children grow in confidence over the last few weeks.

Please remember to bring a helmet and make sure your child's name is on their bike/scooter and helmet.

When you arrive at nursery please put your child's bike or scooter against the yellow or wooden wall where the nursery kitchen is, but away from the middle fire door.

### Our vision at St Bernadette's ELC Class

*St. Bernadette's Early Learning and Childcare Class strives to be a place where children can play, be creative and explore in a safe nurturing environment promoting independence and resilience while having fun together.*

### Our context

We are situated in the Stenhousemuir area of Falkirk and are based in St. Bernadette's Primary School. The Head teacher is responsible for the ELC setting and works closely with the team. Our team are very close and consists of a Senior Early Years Officer, Early Years Officers, Support for Learning Assistant and Early Learning and Childcare Assistants. We often support students through their placements from a range of establishments. We have space for 40 children at any one time and work in partnerships with other professionals and with shared placement settings. We often support children in our setting with additional support needs or with English as an additional language. We continue to be aware of special life events, festivals and cultures which are important to our children and families, and celebrate these together within our setting.

### What matters to staff to support children

- to nurture you individually and help you grow
- to create a safe environment for you where we can play together
- to look after you
- to listen to you and support you

### What matters to staff to support parents

- to include you in your child's learning
- to provide high quality interactions and new experiences for your child
- to communicate regularly with home

### What matters to staff to support each other

- to always respect each other
- to work as a team where we are all equal
- to encourage and support each other
- to keep positive

### Our influences and partnerships:

- Falkirk Council
- Various ELC establishments
- Care Inspectorate
- Education Scotland
- UNCRC
- Speech and Language Therapists
- Educational Psychologists
- Health Visitors
- Occupational Therapists
- Physiotherapists
- Childsmile
- Pre-School Eye Team
- GIRFEC and SHANARRI
- What Matters to Me approaches
- Continuous professional learning and professional reading
- Marvellous Mealtimes approach
- Realising the Ambition
- Curriculum for Excellence.

### What do our team and our families want for our children in the setting?

- To feel safe and respected
- To be independent and develop their self-help skills
- To develop friendships and social skills
- To be curious, creative and imaginative
- To be risk takers and problem solvers
- To feel confident expressing themselves
- To develop early language skills
- To develop early mathematics skills
- To develop self, social and emotional wellbeing
- To develop skills for life and learning.

### What opportunities to we offer our children to develop their skills?

- Our continuous provision ensures our children have opportunities to develop a wide range of skills through continued access to arts and crafts, sand and water play, stories, rhymes, songs, block play, role play, small world resources, games, mark making, technology and quiet spaces
- On a regular basis our children have access to a wide range of core experiences including cooking and baking, Tiger Cubs, Wheelie Wednesday, YMI, Library visits and opportunities to explore our local community
- Our children have daily access to the outdoor environment which includes our ELC garden, school playground, and the wider community where they can lead their own learning. Children develop their knowledge of their local environment through experiences such as walks, bus trips, park visits, Orphan Land visits and walks to the local shops
- Our children get to know the school community by going to the Big Garden, Community room, Gym hall and school library on a regular basis, and often get to see their older siblings or friends during these experiences.

### How do we work together to achieve this?

- We value our parents input and understand that they know their child best. We involve our parents at key transition times through 'stay and play' sessions and home visits, as well as through parent helper opportunities on an ongoing basis. We ensure up to date communication takes place and children's progress is discussed on a regular basis
- As practitioners we regularly reflect on our pedagogical practice and value self-evaluation opportunities using HGI/ELC? and Care Inspectorates Quality Framework. We value opportunities to look outwards e.g. visiting other settings, professional reading, continuous professional learning and networking opportunities
- We regularly observe our children's interests and skills and discuss these as a team. We consider and discuss our responsive and intentional plans and how to further develop learning through our spaces, experiences and interactions. We always ensure our children are appropriately supported and challenged while at St. Bernadette's ELC.

## Curriculum Rational

We have finalised our Curriculum Rationale!

Thank you to those who gave us feedback in order to allow us to create this. We have had lovely feedback from parents about this which we appreciate very much.

This will be displayed in the cloakroom for everyone to see so please feel free to take time to read it once staff have created this display.

Staff are working on the visual representation of this for children to be able to talk about and we are hoping to have this done for August.