

# St. Bernadette's ELC Class



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## October 2023

### Stay and Play

We would like to invite parents and carers to a 'stay and play' date from 9.00am-9.45am on Wednesday the 1st of November or Thursday the 2nd November.

If you would like to come to this please tell a member of staff what day suits you best to come.

These sessions are relaxed and gives your child the opportunity to show their grown up what they like playing with in the ELC and allows you to see your child in the ELC environment.

Please don't worry if you can't make these dates, we will have another stay and play before Christmas.

### Halloween Party

The children have asked to have a Halloween Party in the ELC! Children are invited to dress up in their costumes to come to nursery on Tuesday the 31st of October. Please make sure your child's name is on any costume that they are wearing.



### 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.**

### 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 Cat

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.

### Students

Due to the nature of the nursery and our job role we continually have students in for block placements which can be anything from days to months.

All children are introduced to the students and we appreciate that there may be faces who you are not familiar with, but please be confident that any student in the nursery is always under full supervision of the staff.

Our students for the year are as follows;

Abigail—Wednesday

Erin —Monday and Tuesday

Ayesha—Tuesday and Wednesday

### Lending Library

Outside our ELC door is our Lending Library! This is something that we have been trying to get up and running and we now need your help to do this!

You will find a yellow folder in the green dinosaur, and your child has their own page in this folder. Please write the number of the book you are borrowing, and the date you have borrowed the book. When you return the book, write the date that you have returned this on.

Staff will monitor this on a termly basis and add more books. If you have any books that you would like to see in the lending library, please speak to Sarah or Lisa. Staff will choose the first book with your child, please return this after a week.



### Local walks

Staff are planning to go on local walks around the community throughout this term.

Please ensure that your child's waterproof clothing is always available at ELC so they can participate in these walks.

### Children in Need

This year Children in Need is going to be on Friday 17th November. **Children are invited to wear something spotty!** We have been working with ASDA in Stenhousemuir who are going to supply us with some Pudsey Bear activities for the ELC and may even pop in with a special visit from Pudsey!

A small donation can be given on the day, but please do not worry if you can't afford this.



### Nursery door

The door opens 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 with the time they have arrived, and write who is collecting your child at the end of the day, along with what time they are getting collected at.**

### Busy Things

We have renewed our account with Busy Things.

This is a website that we use on a daily basis in the nursery with a variety of educational games.

[www.busythings.co.uk](http://www.busythings.co.uk)

Username: **home4938**  
Password: **sweets0943**



### Important dates

**Thursday 16th November**—Christmas Photographs

**Friday 17th November**—Children in Need

**Friday 24th November**—ELC closed for in-service day

**Friday 22nd December**—ELC closes for Christmas holidays

**Monday 8th January**—ELC reopens

**Friday 9th February**—ELC closed for holiday

**Monday 12th February**—ELC closed for holiday

**Tuesday 13th February**—ELC closed for in-service day



### Paint

Staff are currently refreshing our play hut in the garden and are looking for donations of paint that you no longer require so we can repaint the inside of the shed. If you have any old paint, please speak to Fiona or Sharyn.

### Tiger Cubs Payment

The cost for Tiger Cubs for this term is £8. Can this please be handed into staff as soon as possible please along with any money that was not paid last term.

