

St. Bernadette's ELC 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 and so all staff know who is collecting your child at the end of the day.

Ducklings

Last year we had a duckling visit from Andrea Osborne who owns Andrea Osborne Photography. Andrea is bringing in the ducklings on Friday the 22nd March and will be taking photographs of the children during the experience.

The children will have the opportunity to hold the ducklings, feed the ducklings and learn about them.

Your child does not need to wear nursery uniform on this day, they can wear clothes you wish them to be photographed in.



Andrea will create an online gallery for parents to view and if you wish to purchase any of these this can also be done, but there is no obligation to purchase any of these.

If you wish your child's sibling to be in the photographs you can either bring them at 9.30am or at 2.30pm, but you must stay with them during this experience

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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. (for example if your child was last sick at 7.30pm on a Saturday night, they are 48 hours clear on Monday at 7.30pm and can therefore return on the Tuesday if they feel well within themselves)



Regular checks for Head Lice are always recommended.

Family involvement

We would like to invite you in for a 'Stay and Play' on Monday the 24th of March or Wednesday the 26th of March from 9.00am—9.45am.

Sarah and Lisa are also hosting a family BookBug session on Tuesday the 25th of March from 9.30-10.00am. Even if you have been before, you are more than welcome to come back as we would love to have you.

Please fill in the form below for our BookBug session

<https://forms.office.com/e/z1MBhk0vRd>

Garden Development

We are currently revamping our garden and are looking for any donations of play sand for our outdoor sandpit as well as plants and seeds for our outdoor planters.

Staff really appreciate your continued support.

Appropriate Clothing

Please ensure that your child has appropriate clothing for ELC. When staffing numbers allow, we may go on walks in the local community so children should be dressed appropriately at all times.

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

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 the ELC, please speak to Cat and she will sort something to support you.

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 ELC bag. (for example, t-shirt, jumper, trousers, pants and socks)

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

Lending Library

Can all the lending library books please be brought back before the Easter holidays so Sarah can update the books we have.

Important dates

Friday 22nd March—Duckling experience



Friday 29th March—ELC closed for Easter Friday

Monday 1st April—ELC closed for 2 weeks for Easter holidays

Thursday 2nd May—ELC closed for staff development day

Monday 6th May—ELC closed for holiday

Friday 14th June—ELC Sports day

Monday 24th June—ELC Moving on celebration

Staffing

We would like to welcome back Susan, the key worker for the Red Group, who has been absent for a few months.

Susan has been settling back into nursery life and is building relationships with all children again.



For those of you who don't know, Rachel is expecting a baby boy in July.

There are pictures of all of our staff as a wee reminder for our new families on the last page of the newsletter.

Students

As part of Erin's leadership role she has introduced Makaton to the ELC to help us develop a communication friendly environment.

*'Makaton is a unique **language programme** that uses symbols, signs and speech to enable people to communicate. It supports the development of essential communication skills such as attention and listening, comprehension, memory, recall and organisation of language and expression'*

So far we have learned these signs. Ask your child if they can show you how to do these



Erin is also carrying out research for her graded unit and would really appreciate any feedback you can give her using this Microsoft Forms link below, or the QR code in the cloakroom.

<https://forms.office.com/e/tMPFeLMbqE>

Meet our team...



Cat—Senior Early Years Officer



Sarah—Early Years Officer



Fiona— Early Years Officer



Sandy—Early Years Officer



Rachel—Early Years Officer



Susan—Early Years Officer



Lisa —Support for Learning Assistant



Sharyn —Childcare Assistant



Pam —Childcare Assistant