

St. Bernadette's ELC Class

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Payment for Tiger Cubs

We have worked out the cost for Tiger Cubs this term and it comes to £5.00 per child.

This should be paid through the I-Pay account that you should set up for your child.



Nursery door

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 do not lift your child up to press the door release button.

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.

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.



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 can spend a large part of their day outdoors.

Wheelie Wednesday

Wheelie Wednesday is when the children bring their bikes or scooters (**with their helmet**) with them to nursery. We then go into the big garden in the afternoon where they have the freedom to explore the grounds on their bike or scooter!

We have two weeks left of Wheelie Wednesday before we stop for the winter months.

Wednesday 29th October

Wednesday 5th November



Christmas Photographs

We have arranged a date for Andrea Osborne Photography to come in for a Christmas Photoshoot. Once Andrea has confirmed the date, we will let you know.

Siblings are welcome to come along, but parents/ carers must stay with younger siblings while these photographs are being taken.

A permission slip for this will be given out in November.

Halloween Activities

Children are invited to dress up in their costumes to come to nursery on Friday the 31st of October.

Please make sure your child's name is on any costume that they are wearing.

We would love to hear some jokes from your children on Halloween!



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.

Stay and Play

We would like to invite parents and carers to along to our 'stay and play' sessions.

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

November dates

Monday 17th 9.00am-9.45am

Wednesday 19th 9.00am-9.45am

Friday 21st 9.00am-9.45am

We will have various opportunities to come in during the year so please don't worry if you can't make the above dates.

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

Lending Library

Outside our ELC door is our Lending Library!

You will find a yellow folder in the green dinosaur where 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, please 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.

Please feel free to look at these books with your child when you are waiting to come into nursery, but please put these back in the dinosaur to help us keep it tidy.



Children in Need

This year Children in Need is going to be on Friday 14th November. **Children are invited to wear something spotty or yellow.** We will not be collecting any donations in ELC this year but if you wish to donate this can be done direct to Children in Need,

[We're there for you- BBC Children in Need](#)



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.

For access at home please use the following details:

www.busythings.co.uk

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



Christmas Trip

Last year we visited Callendar House for a magical Christmas experience. It was so lovely and the children had an amazing time so we have arranged this again.

This will take place on Thursday 11th December.

The cost for this will be **£14 per child**. This includes the bus there and back, and the price for the experience. This money must be paid by the 6th of December. This should be paid into your child's I-Pay account.



Christmas singalong

Staff are organising a Christmas singalong where all families are invited along! There will be opportunities to purchase your children's Christmas creations during this.

This will be held at 1.15pm on Friday 12th December.



Family Photograph

We would love for all of our children to have their family photograph up on our wall in the nursery.

If you could please e-mail a family photograph to Catriona.kinnaird@education.falkirk.sch.uk staff will print this out for you so your child can see themselves on the wall.

Thank you to those who have e-mailed this over already.

Donation of resources

Staff have recently done an audit of the ELC environment and have identified that we would benefit from more baby doll clothes, wooden Russian Dolls and more diverse resource such as dressing up items for role play. If you have any such items we would happily take them.



If you have any toy car garages, emergency vehicle resources (such as police cars, ambulances, fire engines, bin lorries etc.) that you are no longer using we would happily take these too.

We are also looking for donations of sand for our outdoor sand pit.

We are also on the lookout for a small dressing table if anyone knows of someone getting rid of one of these.

Important dates

Monday 17th November —Stay and Play

Wednesday 19th November —Stay and Play

Friday 21st November —Stay and Play

Friday 28th November—Nursery closed for in-service day

Thursday 11th December—Callendar House Experience

Friday 12th—December – Christmas Sing Along for all families

Friday 19th December—Nursery closes for Christmas holidays

Monday 5th January—Nursery reopens

Friday 13th February—Nursery closed for holiday

Monday 16th February—Nursery closed for holiday

Tuesday 17th February—Nursery closed for in-service day

Monday 6th April—Nursery closes for 2 weeks for Easter holiday

Friday 1st May—Nursery closed for in-service day



Family BookBug session

We have organised a family BookBug session for Wednesday the 5th November at 9.30am and another one on Thursday the 18th of December.

All families are welcome to attend this, even if you have been before. Younger siblings are welcome to come along too.

A link for this will be sent out on SeeSaw later this week so you can sign up for it.

