

St. Bernadette's ELC Class

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Welcome Back!

We hope you all had a lovely Christmas and a Happy New Year! The staff and children are all very excited to be back at nursery.

We will have new children starting with us over the next couple of weeks and look forward to welcoming them into our setting.

DO YOU WANT THE CHANCE TO WIN £50?!

We are still selling squares for £2 a go if you would like the chance to win £50! There will be 2 winners from the squares.



The winning numbers will be picked using a number generator once all the squares have been filled. Money must be handed to staff when you pick your square.

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 out-

Transition into Primary One

Our transition programme is ongoing and our pre-school children will soon start attending assembly and stories with the Primary 1— Primary 3.

The P6 class will be starting to come down to play in the nursery once every few weeks so that the buddy programme can begin.

There are a variety of opportunities for transition during the week such as going to the gym hall on a Monday and Friday and to the library on a Thursday.

Here are some dates you will need to be aware of to come along to transition events for your child/ren

Thursday 28th May—10.45am-12.15 Children have lunch (Parents to come along)

Thursday 11th June—3.30pm-4.30pm Children and parents to visit the big garden

Items in nursery bags

Please do not send **any** food, drink or medication in your child's bag for nursery. We have children with **severe** allergies in the nursery and sometimes the children go into the bags and bring things out that they shouldn't which may be harmful for others.

If your child required medication to be given in nursery please speak to a member of staff and fill in a medical form for this.

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 warm 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.



Can all parents please make sure their child has a thicker waterproof for the winter months as we are outdoors in all weathers and some of the waterproofs that children currently have are not warm enough causing them to be cold while we are outside.



All children should have a warm jacket for coming to nursery in as we spend a lot of time outside.

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.

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.

March Dates

Tuesday 17th March 9.00am-9.45am

Thursday 19th March 9.00– 9.45am

We will have other opportunities to come in during May 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.

Important dates

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

Monday 4th May—Nursery closed for holiday

Friday 22nd May—ELC Sport's Day

Friday 19th June— End of year celebration

Lending Library

Please feel free to use our lending library to borrow books to share with your child at home. Please use the yellow folder to record what books you are taking are returning.



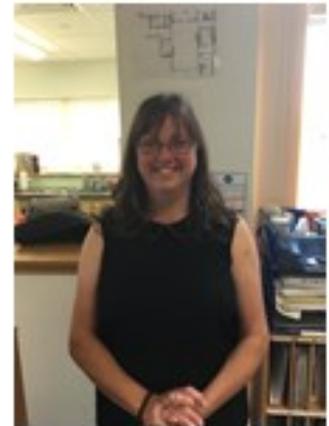
Meet our staff team...



**Cat —Senior Early Years
Officer**



Fiona — Early Years O fficer



**Sandy — Early Years
Officer**



Sarah—Early Years O fficer



Susan—Early Years O fficer



Rachel —Early Years Officer



**Lisa — Support for Learning
Assistant**



Sharyn —Childcare Assistant



Pam —Childcare Assistant