

St. Bernadette's ELC Class

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Payment for Tiger Cubs

Tiger Cubs payment for term 3 is £8 and term 4 is £6. This will be available on your child's Ipay account. If anyone needs support to navigate this, please speak to a member of staff who will be able to help you with this.



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 children 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. We also regularly visit the community room.

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

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

Children will visit their teacher and the P1 classroom on the 4th and 18th of June (Parent's do not need to come to this).

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.

If your child is not well enough to go outdoors, then they should not be in nursery.

ELC trip

We have arranged to have exclusive hire of the Mariner Centre on Wednesday 3rd of June for our Summer outing. The children should come to ELC as usual on this day but if they could arrive sharp that would be great.



The cost of this is still to be confirmed as we are waiting on bus companies getting back to us but once we have this sorted we will confirm this cost with you and this will be available to pay on your child's Ipay account.

Permission slips for this will be handed out after the Easter Holidays.

Appropriate Clothing

As the weather is getting warmer over the next couple of months, we ask that you provide your child with a sun hat which can be kept at nursery.

Please also ensure that your child has appropriate clothing for nursery in the warmer weather such as clothes that cover their shoulders (not strappy tops) and they are dressed in long sleeved tops or loose cotton clothing.

Please make sure your child's name is on all items of clothing.

It would also be helpful if you could make sure there is at least one change of clothes in your child's nursery bag and if your child borrows nursery clothes, could these please be returned once your child has finished with them.

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.

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

All children should have an appropriate jacket for coming to nursery in as we spend a lot of time outside regardless of the weather.

Important dates

Friday 3rd 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

Thursday 28th May—10.45am-12.15 Children going to P1 at St. Bernadette's Primary have lunch (Parents to come along)

Thursday 11th June—3.30pm-4.30pm Children going to St. Bernadette's Primary visit the big garden with their parents

Friday 22nd May—ELC Sport's Day

Friday 19th June— End of year celebration

Shoes in the ELC

As we approach the warmer weather, can we ask that no 'croc' like shoes or open toed sandals are worn to ELC.



Sun Cream



Please can you check the weather, in particular the UV levels, and apply sun cream before your child comes to ELC when appropriate. Staff will have sun cream available at the door for you to apply to your child if you have forgotten to put this on before you have left the house. Some children choose to take their jumper off shortly after arriving in nursery so cream must be applied to their arms before they come into nursery too. Please remember to apply the cream to the back of your child's neck.

Sun cream will be reapplied in the afternoon by staff, so if do not wish your child to have ELC cream applied, please hand in a bottle with your child's name to staff.

If you wish to use the ELC sun cream can you please hand in a donation to put towards costs of this.

Items in nursery bags

Please do not send **any** food, drink, creams or medication in your child's bag for nursery. We have children with **severe** allergies and medical conditions in the nursery and sometimes the children can 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.

Activities in Nursery

Every Monday we have Miss Risk from Tiger Cubs who comes in to teach us Taekwon-Do.

Every Thursday morning the children have the opportunity to go to the school library.

Every Friday the children have the opportunity to go to the school gym hall.

The children have the opportunity to go into the big garden with the school children for shared playtimes most days.

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.



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.

Communicating to parents

Staff only use SeeSaw to send out messages about group events/activities and to let parents know about anything that is coming up in ELC. Parents can message staff on SeeSaw and staff will reply to these messages during their working hours.

Our main platform for sharing pictures will be the Online Learning Journals.

Every child has their own Online Learning Journal. Staff will update this with significant observations of your child at least once a month. There is a section on the left hand side that says 'parent contribution'.

We love seeing pictures and videos of your child/ren on their Online Journals so please keep adding to these. Children really enjoy showing the adults in the room what they have been doing at home.

Star Moment

+ Parent Contribution

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.

Links with the community

Staff have worked hard to build strong relationships with Hazel who is the Community Champion for Asda. At least once a month on a Tuesday, staff take a small group of pre-school children on the bus to visit the Asda store. Children really enjoy these visits to the store.

If anyone is unsure how to add something to their child's online journal please speak to Cat who will be happy to show you.

Please also feel free to add pictures of your child's achievements to their group area in the cloakroom.

If you have forgotten your log in details for the Online Learning Journals please tell Cat and she will resend them for you.

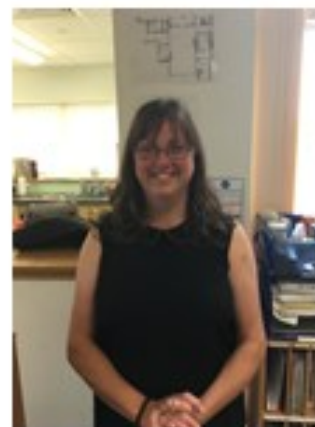
Meet our staff team...



**Cat —Senior Early Years
Officer**



Fiona — Early Years Officer



**Sandy — Early Years
Officer**



Sarah—Early Years Officer



Susan—Early Years Officer



Rachel —Early Years Officer



**Lisa — Support for Learning
Assistant**



Sharyn —Childcare Assistant



Pam —Childcare Assistant