

Kintore School Nursery

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Term 3

January 2019

Dear Parents/Guardians

Happy New Year to you and your families! As January comes to a close it seems like such a long time since Christmas and the holidays! It will be summer in no time!

New Children

A BIG welcome to all our new children and their families who have joined us recently. We hope you will enjoy coming to the Nursery and that your child is settling in. If you have any worries or queries don't hesitate to speak to any member of staff. We are happy to help if we can.



Parent Helpers

We would like to offer you the chance if you wish, to come along and help out in Nursery. **We ask that parents of children who have only just joined wait till Term 4 before volunteering to come in to allow their child to fully settle in.** We have found in the past that some children can get very upset and unsettled if their parents come in too early. This term, parent helpers will be invited in on a **Thursday**. A sheet will be up for both sessions on the Parents notice board for you to place your name against the Thursday of your choice. This is done on a first come basis.



Winter/Space Topic

Our Space topic has taken off and the children have expressed their thoughts and ideas when planning this theme. The children will have opportunities to suggest topical ideas about things we could see, make and do. We would love to gain your thoughts too, please leave your suggestions on the display board located in the foyer.



World of Work

So far we have been fortunate to have visitors come into the Nursery to talk to the children about their jobs. The children have shown a lot of interest in learning what each job entails. Anyone who would like to come in to explain what you do at work or share your hobbies, for example, keen gardener or baker. Please fill in the slip at the end of this newsletter if you would be interested in visiting us. We hope to have regular visitors throughout the school year



Letter of the Week

As some of the children may have told you, they have started to look more closely at different initial letter sounds and names. Each week they will be displaying different objects that they have found that begin with the sound that week. If the children want to bring in an object that begins with the sound, then they can do so as long as it has their name on (to save the disappointment of losing it). The items will be displayed in the corridor next to the Nursery room doors.



Burns Day

We are going to celebrate Burns Day on Friday 25th January and if the children want to they can dress up in something tartan to help us celebrate this day in the Nursery. We will be taking part in various Scottish themed activities such as dancing, reciting rhymes and tasting Haggis, Neeps 'n' Tatties.

Valentine's Day

As part of our Valentine's Day celebrations the children will be talking about who is special to them and why. We thought that as the children enjoyed our Colour Day so much, we could have a Red Day on Thursday 14th February. We will be having a 'Red Spread' at snack and if your child would like to dress in something red, they can.



World Book Day Events

To celebrate World Book Day you will be receiving an invitation from your child to come to our "Once Upon a Time" Tea Party on Thursday 7th March. Due to this event being popular, we have decided to include some outdoor activities (weather permitting), so please ensure that you all wear suitable footwear and coats etc. More timings and information will follow shortly.

We hope you are able to come!



Storyteller Wanted!

In Nursery, both the children and staff will be sharing their favourite books as part of our lead up to World Book Day. From the woodland world of the Gruffalo and the pastures of the Three Billy Goats to Hairy Maclary and traditional tales, the children will be listening to and re-telling many different stories.

We would like to invite any willing storytellers into the Nursery to read their favourite story to the children. If you or a relative are interested, for example a Grandparent, please let us know on the door at Pick-up or Drop-off.



Nursery Library

We have mentioned this in previous newsletters but wanted to remind you that we have our own small library in the Nursery and children will be regularly borrowing books from it to take home and share. These books belong to us and not to the public library so please remember to return them straight to Nursery staff by the date stamped on the label. Our books are identifiable by the school stamp on the inside cover of the book. We will visit the public library to provide an opportunity to develop the children's library skills and to listen to stories. We would love feedback on your library book. If you can, please complete the book review enclosed within your child's library book.



Cold Weather Clothes

Please can we remind you to make sure your child has adequate clothing on, or with them during the cold months. This will allow us to be able to go outside to play or go on our walks around the school. We hope to be able to go out in all types of weather, so it is important to wrap them up well. Remember to also include a spare set of clothes (including pants and socks) in your child's bag in case they get wet or need to change.



Just a reminder to check the board if it is the outdoor or indoor shoe sign displayed. Most days the outdoor shoe sign will be displayed to allow us to use the outdoor area more efficiently, however on days we visit the hall or are doing activities within the school the indoor shoe sign will be displayed.

Can we ask that you ensure children have suitable footwear for both indoors and outdoors. There should be no clogs, slippers or heels as this can cause accidents to happen in the Nursery, gym etc. ***Please ensure all jackets, footwear and bags are clearly labelled.***

Profiles

The children are very excited to share their profiles with you and these are available to view on a daily basis in our cloakroom area. Please feel free to take time to sit and look at them and please sign and date once you have finished. We would love to share any comments you have made with your child.

There is also a place within the profile where you can share and record an achievement that you and your child are proud of from home, family or their wider community (e.g. scoring a goal at football, sleeping in their bed for the first time, counting the objects in their toy box etc.) Please feel free to write in what they have achieved yourself or help them to record their own news.

Get Together Cafes

These are held in the Rainbow Room on the first Wednesday of each month where you will have the opportunity to meet other parents. Should you have any requests for guest speakers we will try and facilitate this. In the past we had a parent who is a dietician who gave an informal talk on healthy eating and the parents really enjoyed this.

Margaret Bennett Taster Session Workshop

Following last terms Bookbug Rhymetime style workshops, our Development Worker Margaret Bennett will return this term to offer several taster session workshops. The aim of these workshops is to offer ideas to support children's learning in a fun, friendly and informal way. Slips regarding these sessions were issued last week, please complete and return to confirm your attendance.

Moving on Workshop

Your child's first day at primary school is a big step, however there are plenty of practical things that you can do to prepare them. This workshop is for parents/carers whose child will start primary school in August 2019, where members of staff will give some helpful hints in preparation for their first day at school.

Wellie Wednesday

The benefits of learning outside is endless. Being outside allows the children to express themselves freely and helps the child's development both physically and mentally. There are many benefits of outside play in early years, for example, encourages an active lifestyle, appreciation of nature and the environment, develops social skills, encourages independence and provides more opportunities to experience risk-taking. At Kintore the children experience daily outdoor play and we would like to enhance this by having the entire session outdoors every Wednesday. We will start this on Wednesday 30th January, please ensure your child is dressed appropriately.

Learning Packs

Learning Packs will be going out on a Thursday and should be returned to nursery on a Tuesday. Have fun using these resources at home with your child. Please return the packs in the condition that you received them and check that the contents are correct. If any pieces are missing from the packs then please inform a member staff from the nursery so that we can replace it. Please note that we will be unable to offer your child another pack until they have returned their previous one. If you are free on a Wednesday to check the packs, please add your name to the "Learning Pack" helpers list displayed on the notice board.



Dates for your Diary

Wednesday 16th January - Loose Parts Play Workshop with Margaret Bennett
Thursday 24th January - Cooking with Kids Workshop with Margaret Bennett
Friday 25th January - Nursery Burns Celebrations
Friday 1st February - Baby and Child Massage Workshop with Margaret Bennett Workshop
Wednesday 6th February - Coffee Get Together and Play @ Home Workshop with Margaret Bennett
Friday 8th February - Mid-Term Holiday (No Nursery)
Monday 11th February - Mid-Term Holiday (No Nursery)
Tuesday 12th February - In-Service Day (Staff Only)
Wednesday 13th February - In-Service Day (Staff Only)
Thursday 14th February - Nursery Red Day
Thursday 21st February - Moving on Workshop
Thursday 7th March - Tea Party

Thanks again for all your support
The Nursery Staff

World of Work

I would like to volunteer to talk about my job or hobby. I can visit on these days

***Monday/Tuesday/Wednesday/Thursday/Friday**

I can/cannot visit both sessions

Child's Name: _____ Session: _____ Job: _____

Parent Name: _____ Date: _____