

SIMPSON NURSERY NEWSLETTER

September 2017

We would like to welcome back all the children returning to Simpson Nursery and are looking forward to welcoming lots of new children starting with us this term

Nursery staff

This session we would like to welcome our two new members of staff. Mrs Marshall (Red Group) will be with us on a Wednesday, Thursday and alternate Fridays and Mrs Todd-Smith (Pink Group) will be with us for our afternoon sessions.

Update of information

Please remember to inform a member of nursery staff as soon as possible if any changes occur to the following: Emergency contact details / Address, phone number or email address / Pick-ups / Personal circumstances affecting nursery / Permissions e.g. photography / Medication or allergies

Absence

If your child is unable to attend Nursery, please contact the school office prior to the session on that day to inform them of the absence.

Allergies

As we have a number of children with severe allergies please do not bring your own food or drinks into nursery (including in bags in the cloakroom) as this compromises the risk assessments we have put in place to safely meet the health care needs of all children.

Children's clothing

Please ensure all items of clothing are clearly labelled with your child's name (including spare changes, coats, outdoor shoes etc.). Indoor shoes should be placed in your child's blue/red drawstring bag at the end of each session as the shoe boxes are shared.

Any clothing items found without a name will be put in our lost property box in the cloakroom. We will empty these at the end of each term.

Outdoor Play

Children will have access to outdoor play in all weathers. Please ensure your child comes to nursery in weather appropriate clothing, for example, wearing a waterproof jacket and wellies on wet days.

Snack

The cost of snack remains at £1.50 a week this year. Please pay any snack money on a Monday to the member of staff at the painting table.

Stay, Play and Learn

We enjoy working in partnership with our parents/carers and therefore would like to invite you to attend Stay, Play and Learn. These sessions enable parents/carers to share in their child's play and learning opportunities in the nursery setting. Dates and details of our upcoming Stay, Play and Learn sessions will soon be displayed in our cloakroom.

This year we are going to offer one session each month throughout the year and would ask that parents/carers sign up for one visit only as we will have a limited number of spaces. Please contact the nursery if you are unable to visit the cloakroom to sign up and we can add your name.

The first Stay, Play and Learn will take place on Thursday 28th September 2017.

How can you help at home?

We continue to promote independence at our nursery. You can help at home by encouraging your child to independently change their shoes and put on their coat.

IMPORTANT DATES

18 th September	Holiday
19 th September	Holiday (staff inservice)
21 st September	Parent Council Meeting (6.30pm)
28 th September	Stay, Play & Learn (1 st date)
29 th September	Macmillan Coffee Morning (in school hall)
11 th October	Parent/Carer Meetings (5 – 8pm)
12 th October	Parent/Carer Meetings (3.45 – 6.45pm)
16 th -22 nd October	October Break
23 rd October	Holiday (staff inservice)
24 th October	Back to Nursery!

Communication

Letters

Please let us know if you do not currently receive letters electronically and we can add you to our email list. Any printed letters will be put in document wallets in your child's coloured group trays for collection. Please check the trays regularly at the end of each session. We will also add a copy of each letter to the cloakroom folder for your reference.

Blog

Please check our blog for weekly updates about our learning in nursery at the end of each week. We would enjoy sharing your comments on our posts with the children.

Visit: <https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/wl/simpsonps/>

Twitter

We now have Twitter! Follow us @NurserySimpson for regular updates and reminders.

Cloakroom Noticeboard

Please check the noticeboard in the cloakroom for weekly updates. We will begin sharing this on our Twitter feed for those parents/carers who are unable to make it in to our nursery.

Sway

We have been creating Sways to share our learning. A sway is an electronic presentation enabling us to share images, videos and text about our learning with parents/carers. Please check the display board for QR codes to view our previous sways.

Online Journals

Please check your child's Online Learning Journal for regular updates on their learning. If you have any trouble accessing your account please let us know. Parents/carers of new children to the nursery should soon be receiving an email from 'Online Learning Journals' with their account details.

Floorbooks

Please feel free to visit the nursery to view our floorbooks which document all our learning – just ask a member of staff to see them.

Consultation with Children

We are continuing to develop ways of involving children directly in the planning process, and parents. This term our children have shown great interest in trains. If you have any ideas please add them to our planning wall in the cloakroom.

Lending Library & Story Sacks

We have now started up our Lending Library again on a Wednesday. Book bags are available for children who have recently started with us. Please feel free to sign out a book and swap it the following week for a new one. We will soon be starting up our Story Sacks which will be given home a group at a time. More information will be shared on these soon

Celebrating Success

Staff and children enjoy celebrating achievements. You can share your child's wider achievements with us by writing it on an apple post-it note (available in the cloakroom) which we will then share with others during the nursery session. It will then be added to our 'Magic Moments' tree in the cloakroom. You can also add wider achievements, including photographs, to your child's online learning journal.

Suggestions

If you have any suggestions related to the nursery, please note your suggestion on a post-it note and pop it in the suggestion box in the cloakroom.

Nursery Staff

Nursery teacher:

Mrs Dandie (Monday, Tuesday & alternate Fridays)

Early Years Officers:

Miss Johnstone and **Mrs Sharkey**

Nursery Nurses:

Mrs Aitken, **Miss Bambrough**, **Mrs Galloway** (Wednesday, Thursday and alternate Friday), **Mrs Henderson** (Monday, Tuesday, alternate Fridays), **Mrs Lejkowski** (mornings), **Mrs Marshall** (Wednesday, Thursday and alternate Friday), **Miss Meldrum** (morning sessions), **Mrs Todd-Smith** (afternoon sessions)

Pupil Support Worker:

Mrs Peat

Extended hours staff:

Mrs Drummond. Mrs Kirk. Mrs Miller

Nursery hours

AM Monday to Friday: Drop off between: 8.00-8.35am *Core hours: 8.35-11.05am* Friday only: Collect between: 11.05-11.28am
PM Monday to Thursday: *Core Hours: 12.09- 3.16pm* Collect between: 3.16-4.06pm