

# SIMPSON NURSERY NEWSLETTER

November 2017

## Our learning this term

We have had a busy couple of months since the initial interest in the nursery all about trains. Children were very keen to explore and investigate different bridges, especially the new Queensferry Crossing as many of our children had been to visit it.

Children have had opportunities to investigate how bridges stay up using the computer to research and through practical experiments to construct their own bridges using a range of resources.

We have explored the story of The Three Billy Goats Gruff which prompted children to construct their own bridges and role play using goat puppets to retell the story.

We have also been fortunate to have a visit from two parents who work in the railway industry to talk to the children. One parent, who is a train driver, brought posters to discuss with the children, and the red and green flags used to signal the trains were of great interest to the children. Children have been discussing the use of red and green for traffic, particularly at road crossings, which has resulted in the current focus on road safety.

We really enjoy involving our parents and carers in our learning. If your child has discussed any of these areas of interest with you at home, please add them to our planning wall in the cloakroom or ask to see our Floorbook and you can note them in there.

## IMPORTANT DATES

16 <sup>th</sup> November	Children in Need (PM only)
17 <sup>th</sup> November	Children in Need (AM only)
25 <sup>th</sup> November	Christmas Fayre
28 <sup>th</sup> November	Stay, Play & Learn
29 <sup>th</sup> November	Dress as a book character
6 <sup>th</sup> December	Nativity (10am or 2pm)
21 <sup>st</sup> December	Christmas Party (times TBC)
22 <sup>nd</sup> December	Last day of term
8 <sup>th</sup> January	Holiday (staff inservice)
9 <sup>th</sup> January	Back to Nursery!

## Nativity

We are learning the songs for our nativity. Letters will be issued soon containing further information about song words, outfits and tickets.

## 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.

## Spare Clothes

With the wetter weather and outdoor play we are running low on some of our spare clothing items. We would appreciate any donations of socks, pants, trousers and leggings in all sizes and tights for 4-5 year olds.

## 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 per 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.

The next Stay, Play and Learn will take place on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> November 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.

## Tissues

With Winter germs in full force we would greatly appreciate any donations of boxes of tissues!

## **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. 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.

### **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.

## **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.

## **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.

### **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.

## **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 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 Collect between: 10.50-11.05am

Friday only: Collect between: 10.50-11.28am

**PM** Monday to Thursday: Core Hours: 12.09- 3.05pm

Collect between: 3.05-4.06pm