



# Nursery Newsletter

## Session 2016/17 - Term 4

Dear Parents/Carers,

It's lovely to welcome our children and families back to nursery after our Easter holidays and May bank holiday day off. It has already been a very busy start to the term and will continue to be busy.

We had a visit from Janine and Joe from Childsmile, to paint fluoride varnish on our teeth. Janine brought a fresh supply of toothbrushes and we are again brushing teeth daily, on a rotational basis.

Mrs Merson has issued snack envelopes for this term. If your child attends 5 sessions the cost of snack is £26.50. If your child attends less than 5 sessions then your charges will be calculated at 50p per day. If you notify us in advance of a period of absence for your child e.g. holiday etc then you will not be charged for those days.

Our Early Learning and Childcare setting will be open on Wednesday the 17<sup>th</sup> of May, 6-8.30pm and Thursday the 18<sup>th</sup> of May 3.45 -6.15pm during Parent Consultations. You and your child will be welcomed by various members of the team, who will be on hand to answer any questions about what we do within our setting. This is an opportunity through wall displays, big books etc to showcase the learning that has taken place so far this term and an opportunity to experience the environment that your child is learning in.

Friday the 19<sup>th</sup> of May is a "Dress As You Please" day for a contribution of chocolate for our chocolate tumbola stall at the school fayre. The school fayre takes place the next day, Saturday the 20<sup>th</sup> of May 10am to 12 noon.

Our nursery induction evening takes place on Tuesday the 23<sup>rd</sup> of May at 7pm. This is a good chance for existing nursery parents/carers to meet the parents/carers of those children starting with us in August and to have a wee refresher about our service and what we offer in our Early Learning and Childcare setting here at Fishermoss. We will also have visits during nursery sessions from children with parents/carers and children with staff from other Early Learning and Childcare settings.

The primary 1 induction evening takes place on Tuesday the 30<sup>th</sup> of May at 7pm. The children who are going to school in August have already been participating in transition activities. We have been out in the playground during morning break to familiarise ourselves with what happens at that time and what the children need to do during the break e.g. eat snack, have a drink, dispose of rubbish, have a play and chat with friends, listen for the bell, know who will help them, where to go for help etc. We already use all areas in and around the school and staff will make reference to what to expect in these areas as a primary 1 pupil e.g. talking about lunches happening in the gym hall when we are using it for games etc. Buddies from P6 will be introduced to the children and there will be play sessions organised to help build relationships between the future P1's and the P6 buddies. There are timetabled sessions for your child to visit the primary 1 area to participate in a variety of experiences and become more familiar with the space and structure of a primary 1 classroom. Your child will bring home a Home Pack with a selection of items that support tasks that can be completed at home. This is due to commence on Wednesday the 31<sup>st</sup> of May for 3 weeks, a letter will be issued to explain in more detail. In the coming weeks our role play corner will be used as a school corner, this is helpful as sometimes it prompts discussion with adults and children about what to expect in primary 1. There will be uniform available in the cloakroom for your child to

try on, week beginning the 15<sup>th</sup> of May. Order forms will also be available. School uniform can also be bought at the school fayre.

Nursery Sports will take place on Friday the 23<sup>rd</sup> of June in our soft core area (weather permitting). The Blue Class will commence sports at 11 am and the Red Class will commence sports at 2.30pm. Parents/Carers are welcome to come and support us at this event.

We have provisionally booked a bus trip, to include both classes, to visit the Aberdeen Science Centre on Monday the 26<sup>th</sup> of June. We aim to leave Fishermoss at 9.20am and will be collected from the venue at 12 mid-day, the bus will hopefully return to school around 12.30/12.45pm approximately. We do not anticipate that there will be any costs involved for families. A snack will be provided. We will be looking for helpers on the day who are available to join us (unfortunately we cannot accommodate other siblings). An information letter and consent form will be issued nearer the time.

Our Early Learning and Childcare Setting will be hosting our annual Graduation Ceremony on Friday the 30<sup>th</sup> of June. The graduation takes place in your child's usual session (times to be confirmed). It is a time to say "goodbye and good luck" to those children leaving us for primary 1 and also to say "well done" to those children who have had their first experience of being in our Early Learning and Childcare Setting.

During term 4 your child will have the opportunity to participate in a variety of learning experiences. We have been focusing our learning on Spring and have been exploring our environment to identify what impact Spring has had around us. We have been focusing on the trees and plants in and around our playground, relating what we have found to wider experiences and sharing our knowledge and understanding with each other. We will be planting seeds in nursery and monitoring their growth. All of these experiences have helped us to engage with the 8 areas of Curriculum for Excellence and are planned for based on the interests and motivation of the children, this is done through on-going discussions. The show and tell items brought in are an indication of how engaged the children are in their learning and how well they can communicate what they are learning. A big thank you for supporting your children with this.

As most of the above learning takes place outside, now would be a good time to remind parents/carers about the need to apply sun screen to your child before their session. It is also advisable to provide a named sun hat and light clothing to protect bare shoulders etc. As always we would like to remind parents/carers that clothing and shoes need to have fastenings that enable your child to become independent in dressing and undressing.

As always we will have visits on a regular basis from Mrs Gill our Principal Teacher.

The last day of term is Friday the 30<sup>th</sup> of June and session 2017/18 commences for pupils on Tuesday the 22<sup>nd</sup> of August.

Our aim in our setting is to ensure that your child is Safe, Happy, Achieving, Nurtured, Active, Respected, Responsible and Included. If you have any information or concerns regarding your child that you would like to share with us, do not hesitate to approach a member of staff.

Kind Regards

The Early Learning and Childcare Team