



# Nursery Newsletter

Session 2016/17 - Term 2

Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome back to everyone after our October holidays. Term 2, for session 2016/17 looks like it's going to be a busy one. The second day of term saw us welcome Janine and Joe from Childsmile. The Ladies were in nursery to paint fluoride varnish on most of the children's teeth. The children are already participating in the Childsmile tooth brushing programme for this term.

In Nursery we offer many experiences for your child to participate in, focusing our learning on the 8 areas of Curriculum for Excellence, they include literacy, numeracy, health and wellbeing, science, social studies, technologies, expressive arts and religious and moral education.

During the last week the children have been discussing what they know about Halloween and sharing their experiences of this autumn celebration. From those discussions we have focused on Funnybones stories and concentrated some of our learning on a mini topic about our bodies. We have been naming and labelling body parts and using various parts of our bodies as we participate in dance and exercise. We have been discussing what we can do to stay healthy. Our Halloween mini topic has covered many of the 8 areas of the curriculum and has been responsive to the children's interests. (I'm lead to believe there's a scary skeleton lurking in our Asda, EEK!) It was lovely to see the children yesterday dressed up in their Halloween costumes. I think both children and staff would agree we had lots of fun at our Halloween party!



This week during the Parent Consultation evenings, nursery will be open for you to visit on Wednesday the 2<sup>nd</sup> of November 6pm to 8.30pm and Thursday the 3<sup>rd</sup> of November 3.45pm to 6.15pm. Some members of the team will be on hand to welcome you. You will have the opportunity to look around the nursery and spend time with your child looking at their profile folders. Folders are due to go home on Friday the 4<sup>th</sup> of November to be returned on Monday the 7<sup>th</sup> of November. Can we draw your attention to the wider achievement section of the profile folders, we welcome the information about the progress your child is making outside of our setting, e.g. dance classes, swimming etc and would like you to share this with us, so we can celebrate those achievements and record this in their profile folders. (We can photocopy certificates etc so as not to keep originals)

We have a visit from Zoolab on Thursday the 17<sup>th</sup> of November, during your child's usual nursery session. Children In Need will be on Friday the 18<sup>th</sup> of November, this is another opportunity for the children to dress up to come to nursery for a £1 donation, we will organise some fun activities for the day.

Snack fees have been issued. Fees for this term are £20 for those children attending 5 sessions. The payment will be adjusted for children who don't attend 5 sessions. We would appreciate payment by Friday the 18<sup>th</sup> of November.

The weather has turned much colder and as a wee reminder, we would like to ask that children are provided with warm clothing, suitable for outdoor play. We would also like to ask for your co-operation in your choice of clothing for your child and in particular fastenings. We try and encourage children to be independent in their care needs but this can be difficult when they have for example lace up shoes that are too tricky for them to do on their own. It benefits everyone when the children can dress themselves and do their own fastenings, rather than waiting for a member of staff to help them. We get outside much quicker and there is less waiting time for those who do get themselves ready to go outside. The children are however very good at helping each other out and there is always staff on hand to help the children.

During term 2 we will continue to have visits from Mrs Gill, Principal Teacher.

Nursery will be closed to pupils on Monday the 14<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday the 15<sup>th</sup> of November to allow staff to attend In-service training.

We would like to remind parents and carers that if you have any queries or information, relevant to your child that you would like to share with us do not hesitate to speak to a member of staff.

Kind Regards

The Early Learning and Childcare Team