

St Mary's Nursery News

OCTOBER 2015

Dear Parents and Carers

Nursery Times

Thank you to our Nursery families for their observation of the Nursery hours. Prompt collection times mean Nursery staff can re-resource for the following session and have more time to plan for and provide an even more stimulating environment for the children.

Sharing our Learning - Visible Learning

Thank you for your feedback on your child's learning stories in September. These learning stories are now inside your child's Learning Journal (the new name for Learning Folio). Your child's learning stories continue in their Learning Journal - please do ask to see these at any time. Your child will enjoy sharing them with you.

Please continue to watch the learning wall on the door evolve with the children's ideas and planned for learning. Remember you are most welcome to join the discussion and write comments to support your child's learning. Paper and pens available in the foyer and from any of the Nursery staff.

Outdoor Learning at St Mary's Nursery

Midlothian Ranger service are providing us with some wood for the children's learning and wooden seating for the Nursery garden. The children still wish to test their ideas with an outdoor science wall. We do need your help to achieve this! Do you have any clean half guttering, funnels, pipes, tubes, long plastic ties? Please let Nursery staff know if you could donate any of these items.

Nursery Clothing and Footwear - check your weather app please!

Thank you for your support in ensuring your child has warm clothing, waterproof coat, sturdy shoes and wellies for our ever changing weather and to allow your child to experience messy play like big art and mud play. Nursery play outdoors is not much fun without the right clothing. We may have to stay indoors if the children are not dressed for the weather.

Library Visit & Road Safety Awareness

We are organising a trip to Lasswade Library on Tuesday 6th October. This is an enjoyable visit where your child takes part in a book and song session with the librarian and gets to choose and stamp out their own book to bring back to Nursery. This outing is a good opportunity for us to discuss safety near busy roads in the October holidays and to reinforce this message we have a planned visit from Gillian Bathgate, School Travel Plan Officer later that week. If you would like to join us on the visit to the Library please let the Nursery staff know.

Nursery Fees

A huge thank you for the prompt snack payments this term. This has meant that staff have been able to get on with supporting your child's learning rather than chasing up payments. Many, many thanks!

Dates to Note

Tuesday 6 th October	Lasswade Library visits 10-10.30am & 2-2.30pm
Thursday 8 th October	Road Safety talk in nursery with School Travel Plan Officer 10.45 am and 2pm.
Thursday 8 October	Start of October break
Monday 19 October	Nursery restarts
Tuesday 20 October	Children have a flouride varnishing chat with Dental nurse 10.45-11.15 and 12.30-1.00 in the Nursery room
Monday 26 October	Flouride varnishing for children in Nursery
Monday 2 November	Ante-preschooler playdate in Nursery - parents welcome - 9-10am & 1-2pm
Tuesday 3 November	Pre-schoolers Parents Evening 5.30-8.30
Wednesday 4 November	Pre-schoolers Parents Afternoon 3.45-5.45

Please ask if you have any questions about your child's experiences in the Nursery.

The Nursery Team