

St Mary's Nursery News

JANUARY 2019

Dear Parents and Carers

Happy New Year and a warm welcome back. We would like to thank you all for the very generous gifts and cards we received at Christmas time and hope you all enjoyed a fantastic festive holiday.

Extended Hours

All of the children have settled well and adapted to our extended hours. They are enjoying the social interactions at lunch times as they discuss what each other has for lunch.

Can we remind parents snack is £2 a week due on a Monday. If you wish to pay monthly or termly please speak to a member of staff.

As the weather is turning really cold please ensure your child has a hat and gloves. Also extra clothing in case of accidents as it's a longer day.

Big Bedtime Read

We will be re-launching the Big Bedtime Read on **Thursday 24th Jan at 2 45pm**, as well as having our own Burns Supper to celebrate Robert Burns. We would like to invite parents and carers to come along and have some tatties and neeps with us. Have a wee dance to some Scottish music, sing songs and listen to a wee story.!

Parent helpers



We will be looking for parent helpers again to support us with visits to the library and walks around our local area. These visits will be in smaller groups as we are now in nursery until 3pm.

We will also vary the times between the mornings and the afternoons. We will put out a questionnaire to determine days and times to suit parents and carers who would like to help.

Loose Parts

We are still looking for lots of small loose parts.

Here are some examples of things we are looking for: shells, buttons, glass beads, nuts and bolts, screws, various sizes of stones, corks, wooden pegs, various lengths and widths of tubing, and any other junk materials that you think we could make use of.

Loose parts play' develops more skill and competence than most modern plastic toys, and can be used in many different ways. When used in combination with other materials they support imagination and encourage open ended learning.

Reminder

Could all parents/carers try to ensure that you check your child's pigeon hole daily? This is where your child's artwork will be, as well as flyers/newsletters from school and elsewhere.

Mid Term Break

Monday 11 th February	All resume Monday 18 th Feb
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Please ask any member of the Nursery staff if you have any questions about your child's experiences at Nursery.

Mrs Henderson
Mrs Crawford
Mrs Coleman