



Newsletter February 2014

To All Parent/Carers

February is already here and its all stations go.



After an inspiring visit to another setting and attending some training we feel we have created a few positive changes to the group.

Firstly, the way we set up the hall. The children are certainly enjoying the extra space for physical play and to run! We will be evaluating this change after the February break and we hope you will share your thoughts too via a simple evaluation.

A Communications Book has now been started; this will give everyone a look into what happens on a daily basis at playgroup and hopefully you can share your news too. A title has been chosen and we thank you for contributing your choices.

Our Big Book Planner book has been started which is focusing on a new adopted 'Kitchen' which we hope to move out into the garden.

A **big** change to our weekly timetable will be on Thursdays. As from **Thursday 13th February** we will be having our session **solely** outside; in the garden area and the car park area. This is a concept which is widely used over Scotland and many writers have shared the benefits of such play.

We intend to meet you and your children in the foyer of the hall where spare water proof trousers and jackets will be provided if required. We will warn you now that the children will get mucky!

To ensure that the children do not get too cold, we ask, if possible they can come dressed with warm clothes such as thick tracksuit trousers, warm fleeces, warm socks, wellies or boots, gloves and hats.

If the weather is **very extreme** we will go into the hall but some rain and a bit of snow will not put us off.

We would also be grateful if anyone would like to volunteer their time for this session to allow us to use the whole area safely.

Story Packs

Due to the change on Thursdays the Story Packs will now be reallocated on **Mondays**. Please return your child's story pack on Thursday and a new one will be allocated on the following Monday.



Mobile Library

The mobile library arrived as planned on Wednesday; the children all chose a book for the playgroup. Unfortunately Charlie the driver had to go to another stop and could not stay after the session. He intends to come back on the **Wednesday 5th March** at 11.30pm- 12.15pm please feel free to pick up your child a bit earlier if you wish to use this great community resource. Weather permitting, he will return monthly.



Burn Day – 25th January

Well done to all the children who proudly recited their Scottish rhyme at the school Burn's Cafe.

Learning Journals

All funded children have Learning Journal's which have now been updated from last term. You are welcome to see your child's journal at your convenience. This term the children have also set themselves goals which we are working on with them. Some very sensible choices were made! These are displayed on the annexe wall.

Holiday/In-Service Reminder:

Friday 14th – Wednesday 19th February (inclusive)

Kind Regards

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