

29th August 2017

INSCH NURSERY Newsletter



Welcome to Nursery and welcome back to our returning children and parents. It has been lovely meeting all of our new boys and girls as well as new parents. Everyone has settled in really well and appear to be enjoying themselves.

The first few weeks of this term we are focusing on getting to know all of the children and creating a positive ethos in our nursery setting.

We have a Parent Planning tree in the nursery corridor where parents are invited to add any ideas you have for activities in nursery, any talents and skills you are willing to share with us or any particular interests your child has that we could build on in nursery. It would be great to see as many leaves added to our tree as possible.

Your help would be much appreciated with the following:

- Please check that all belongings are clearly named.
- Please ensure that your child has a spare change of clothes in their bag (trousers, t-shirt, pants and socks) just in case they are needed.
- Please make sure children have suitable clothes for the weather i.e. jackets, as we will be outside in all weathers.
- Please encourage your child to help keep the cloakrooms tidy, we will reinforce this while getting ready for outdoor play.

48 Hour Rule

Just a quick reminder that if your child is absent from Nursery, please make a phone call to the school to let us know. If your child has a tummy upset, Aberdeenshire Council policy requires that you keep your child at home for 48 hours after the last symptoms. This applies throughout all schools to try to limit the spread of tummy bugs.

Nursery Times

Just a little reminder of the Nursery session times:

8.35 – 8.50am – 11.30-11.45am
12.25-12.40pm – 3.20-3.35pm

The Nursery has an alarm system, which means the door is secure throughout the session. If you arrive out-with the drop off/pick up times, please enter via the main school door and sign in before coming into nursery. This is to ensure the safety of the children as they have access into the corridor.

Toys

While we understand some children benefit from a comfort item while settling into nursery, we ask that children do not bring other toys from home into nursery.

Thank you.

Achievement Wall

On the wall beside the door to the Bumblebee room, we have a wall display for all of the children's achievements. This time we have based it around the SHANARRI wheel.

This means we would like to see photos or a little note about the child demonstrating they can be;

- Safe
- Healthy
- Active
- Nurtured
- Achieving
- Respected
- Responsible
- Included



It would be great to have as many examples of the children taking part in these principles at home as well as at nursery, on display.

Can you help?

We are looking for donations of the following items.

- Suitcases and briefcases which are no longer needed.
- Hats for dressing up i.e. – hats for jobs, hats for weddings etc. (not woolly hats or sun hats).
- Masks, in particular animal or people masks (not scary or super hero masks).

Any donations would be hugely appreciated.

This year we are continuing to use the Interactive Learning Diary as our pupil profiles. This is a secure online programme we use to record observations, photos and videos of the children to track their learning. We aim to get all parents logged on before the end of term to allow everyone to see our progress in nursery.

All about me booklets

Everyone should have received a blank all about me booklet to complete with their child. Please could you complete and return this as soon as possible so we can ensure our records are up to date. If you have misplaced your copy, please ask a member of staff for another.

Please "like" our facebook page, Insch Nursery, for updates on what is happening in nursery. This page is to share weekly updates. No questions should be left on the page, any communication to staff should be either face to face or in writing.

Information will also be written on the cloakroom whiteboards and shared with day care staff. Newsletters will be sent out by email unless you have requested otherwise.

Dates for your diary

Our weekly gym sessions will be on Tuesdays, beginning next week. Please ensure children have suitable indoor shoes and clothes.

Friday 13th October – Last Day of Term

Monday 30th October – New Nursery term begins.

As always, if you have any questions please do not hesitate to ask a member of staff. We also have a suggestion/feedback box in the nursery corridor.

Thanks for your support.
The Nursery Team