



# Nursery News

Term Two

2017/18



Dear Nursery Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to term two, we hope you all had a good October break.

Sadly we say goodbye to Mrs Wight and welcome Mrs Christie who will be joining us until the end of Term Two until we appoint a new Early Years Practitioner. Your child's keyworker may change and we will support you with this transition.

We are fortunate to have two students from Aberdeen College joining us for the rest of this term; Miss Robertson on a Tuesday and Miss Keir on a Wednesday and Thursday.

Please remember all nursery staff are here to help with any concerns you may have, if there is anything you are uncertain about please discuss it with Nursery staff.

## Survey Monkey

Thank you to all the parents who took the time to complete our 'settling in' survey, we appreciate your feedback and we will evaluate your suggestions.

## Snack

In our setting we predominately demonstrate a 'rolling snack'. The children also have an opportunity to help prepare snack and be our 'snack helpers'. An EYP taps the tambourine 3x to announce the snack table is open. For each style of snack the children independently wash their hands, take their name registration card down from the board and place it in a box. They then use the symbol board to see what items they need from the cupboard to eat and drink snack with. An EYP can then see who still needs to come for snack within a suitable time frame. Occasionally children choose not to come to snack as they are too busy playing or not hungry. When this happens we use gentle persuasion towards the end of the snack window. If they still then choose not to come, they are asked to come and take down their snack card

and have a just a drink, stating the importance of keeping hydrated.

Please find below the definitions of each style; Rolling snack – This involves up to eight children at a time choosing when they come to snack. The prepared food, milk and water is placed in the centre of the snack table in serving dishes with a number beside it of how many of each item they are allowed. Using tongs and jugs they serve themselves, counting out the required amount. An EYP sits at the table with the children to encourage them to engage in conversation, use learned snack related Makaton signs, promote manners and turn taking. When finished, the children need to ask to leave the table, wait for a response, clear their plate of debris in the food waste bin and place their items nicely in the basket to be washed and push their chair in.

Café style snack – This involves the children doing a self service snack from a separate table. They choose their food/drink and carry across their plate and cup to sit down at the table. This can support confidence for going to school dinners when they attend primary school and we may introduce this in Term Four to help with transition. An EYP oversees this style of snack and does not sit down with the children.

All together snack – This involves all children in the session sitting down together at a set time and either staff go around dishing out food onto plates in front of them or the children self serve from the table like a buffet. We occasionally do this for celebrations such as having stovies for 'St Andrews Day' or a buffet for our Christmas Party.

This term we hope to attend the school community café for snack with the children to support the school.

The snack envelopes for term two will be in your child's tray, prompt payment is appreciated. Healthy snack ideas are always welcome, please write suggestions under our daily snack board.

## **Outdoor Learning Day**

Tuesday is our official outdoor learning day for both classes in term two. Am class please could your child arrive at nursery toileted, dressed in wellies and waterproof clothing ready for outdoor learning, Pm class please bring them to nursery with you. A jacket is required every day for your child please. We occasionally require parent helpers to go off school grounds and to assist us in class activities. We will ask for volunteers on our noticeboard and our Facebook Page '[Fyvie School Nursery](#)'.

## **Music**

Mr Carnegie is taking our 'Kodaly' music session this term on a Wednesday in the music room. The main characteristic of Kodaly work is the use of singing. Singing actively engages the whole person and develops that essential musically attribute, the inner hearing.

## **PE**

PE will continue to be on a Friday for both sessions. It is essential your child wears suitable footwear for exercising around the hall.

## **Profiles and sharing learning with Parents**

We will continue to profile your child's achievements using the Learning Journals Profiles. It is great to see so many parents/carers taking the time to comment on your child's learning. We would still like to see some home achievements added so we can share them in the golden book and read out by Mrs Eaton during assembly. This could be for e.g. learning to ride a bike without stabilizers or sport achievements....

Our big floorbooks located on top of the trays are full of the learning your child has been part of at nursery, please browse through them and feel free to comment.

Please take a moment each day to read our 'What we have been up to' whiteboard that will highlight some of the different activities that the children have taken part in each day. Please use this information to talk to your child about what they have been doing. A reminder that the Am class will be written in red ink, Pm class in blue with general information in black on the board.

We welcome parents and grandparents to join us in nursery to share any skills they may have with the class. Please speak to a member of staff if you would like to come in.

## **Other Information**

The Pm class are now grouped into 2's/Ante-pre as Butterflies and Pre-sch as Frogs. To promote positive behaviour both sessions can gain jewels for their group by following the 'Golden Rules'. Please look at our 'Growing Success Chart' at the nursery entrance window. We have celebrated our term one achievements and have chosen our term two targets.

## **Nursery Entrance**

Please can school children refrain from coming into nursery at drop off/pick up times as some older siblings have demonstrated some unexceptionable behaviour and have also restricted the nursery children to be independent with their nursery routine.

It has been observed that some children are climbing on the railings outside nursery. Please do not allow your child to climb, these can be very slippery and could cause a serious accident if your child falls.

## **Dates to remember**

### Children in Need – Thur 17<sup>th</sup> November

Optional dress up day in 'spotty outfits' with a £1 donation. Wristbands, cupcakes.... can be also be purchased throughout the day.

### Fyvie Christmas Fair – Sat 18<sup>th</sup> November

Please let a member of staff know if you can spare half an hour to support our stall between 10am-1pm, we would very much appreciate it.

### Fyvie Church Service – Fri 22<sup>nd</sup> December

Am Nursery Class will be performing a Nativity and parents/carers are welcome to attend. We would appreciate as many parents as possible to kindly walk down to the church with us.

From your Nursery Team

Mrs Wilson, Mrs Elphinstone and Mrs Christie