



# LASSWADE NURSERY

## NEWSLETTER



Living it, Learning it, Loving it ..... Lasswade  
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We have had a very busy few weeks back in Nursery welcoming both our returning children and new starts! All our new children are now settled into nursery and are building relationships with both staff and other children. Our children are confident, happy and full of fun when in Nursery... Exactly what we wish for! As a staff, we have enjoyed getting to know all our new children and families and are looking forward to creating strong, positive relationships with all.

At the moment, in Nursery, we are learning about friendships and nursery routines as well as Harvest and Autumn time. To help at home, discuss the changing seasons with your child and ask them to share some of our autumn songs we are learning!



*Retelling the Gingerbread man story together!*



*Working together to make play dough!*



*We are very busy outside!*



*Very creative building!*

### Staffing

This term we have welcomed Miss Samantha Duncan to our Nursery Team as our Senior Child Care Development Worker. Miss Duncan has thoroughly enjoyed getting to know our children at Lasswade Nursery over the past few weeks and has been made very welcome by our Lasswade families.

We have also welcomed Miss Holly Wilson who will work with us on a Friday. Miss Wilson will be key worker for the Green Group on a Friday.

Over the next few weeks we also welcome Miss Rebecca Bailey to Nursery. Miss Bailey is a student teacher who will be completing 2 weeks within Lasswade Nursery and 5 weeks in P1Y thereafter.



## Routines, Registration & Latecomers

Just a reminder our Nursery doors are open from 8.30 - 8.40 for morning sessions and 12.25 - 12.35 for afternoon sessions. Registration of Nursery children takes place just after the doors close and therefore any late comers children should enter through the main school office. This ensures all children in Nursery are registered and accounted for. We strongly encourage all parents/carers to drop children off during the 10 minute drop off time.

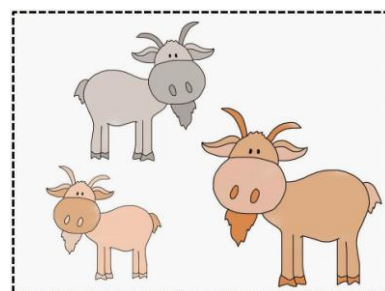
This year in Nursery we will have the garden door open for the entire Nursery session. This allows children to move freely between indoor and outdoor play areas enhancing their Nursery experience. To help children with this, we ask that on drop off children bring coats and outdoor shoes/wellies into the nursery classroom to hang up beside the nursery garden door. Many thanks in advance with your support in this.



## Nursery Pantomime

All parents should have received a letter with information regarding our Nursery Pantomime on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December. This year the cost of the show will be £3 per child.

This year our Nursery Pantomime is Jack and Billy which is a mixture between Jack and the Beanstalk and The Billy Goats Gruff.



## Parent Helpers

As always, we would welcome parent helpers into Nursery to support us with a range of activities including baking, arts and crafts or trips. Parents may wish to come in to support on a one of basis or they may wish to help for a slightly longer period of time. If you would like to volunteer to support in Nursery please speak to a member of the Nursery team.



## Clothing Reminder

As we move in to the colder weather we encourage all children to bring warm clothing including a coat, hat, scarf and gloves to Nursery. We also encourage children to bring wellies and appropriate outdoor shoes in preparation for the Autumn rain!

We would also like to remind parents and carers that all clothing in Nursery should be labelled to avoid any confusion or loss of belongings.

To support your child at home, practise independently putting on all outdoor clothing!



## Snack Money

Just a reminder snack money for term 1 is now overdue.

Snack is charged at £2.50 per week per child or 50p per day if your child only attends nursery on set days. For this term the total cost of snack is £11.50 for children attending all sessions per week. Snack money should be posted in the black money box within the Nursery classroom and this will be collected by the school office staff. A reminder letter will be sent out to parents/carers if snack money is overdue. If you have any questions regarding snack money please don't hesitate to ask a member of the Nursery Team. Please put snack money in a sealed envelope.



## NHS Recommended Absence Guidelines

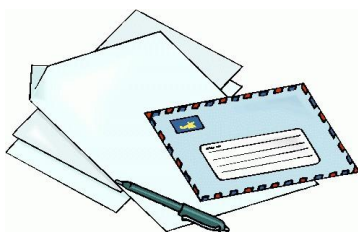
We understand young children can catch many bugs as their immune systems develop. In Nursery we aim to minimise the risk of infection to our children. In line with this, we follow the recommended absence guidelines from NHS Lothian when we are notified of children's absence from Nursery.

We have a copy of the NHS Guidelines of Recommended Absence for Communicable Diseases for PreSchool Children in our Nursery entrance area. We have also added an electronic copy of this to our school website. This aims to give parents advice on how long children should be absent for different infections and in turn minimise the risk of infection in Nursery.



## Letters/Forms Reminder

At the start of term, a number of letters have been given to parents/carers for our Nursery records. These include letters for photograph and media permission, local area permission slips and medical and dietary forms. We are waiting on forms returning from some pupils and ask parents/carers to check for these at home. If you are unsure if you are due to return any forms please speak to a member of the Nursery team. We thank you in advance for supporting us with this.



## Dates for your Diary

Fri 6 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Harvest Festival in School
Thurs 12 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Individual Photos
Fri 13 <sup>th</sup> Oct	End of Term 1. Happy Holidays!
Mon 23 <sup>rd</sup> Oct	Start of Term 2
Thurs 26 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Autumn Walk
Mon 20 <sup>th</sup> Nov	P1 Enrolment for preschool children 9.00 - 10.00
Thurs 23 <sup>rd</sup> Nov	P1 Enrolment for preschool children 2.00 - 3.00

