



Early Years News Bulletin

October 2020

Welcome Back

Welcome back! We are so happy to have you all back at nursery after the uncertain times that we faced earlier in the year. We hope that your child has settled back into the routine and is enjoying being back in nursery. We understand that things will be slightly different to what they were before but we would like to ensure you that we are doing everything we can to keep your child safe. Although we can't allow parents into the nursery at the moment, if you have any issues please feel free to speak to a member of staff at drop off or pick up times.

Spare Clothes

We would ask that you provide a set of spare clothes that can be kept on your child's peg. This ensures we have clothes to change them into if they get wet or dirty during the nursery session. Please provide pants/nappies/pull ups and wipes if your child requires these. **Due to the current circumstances relating to Covid-19 we are no longer able to provide spare clothes/nappies/wipes for children so it is important they have their own.**

Learning Journals

Our Learning Journals have been up and running for some time now. We hope you find these useful. Please continue to respond to any observations for your child and be sure to include any achievements at home. We love to hear about these things. If you need any help logging into your child's learning journal please speak to a member of the nursery team.

Toys from home.

We have noticed some children are bringing in toys from home. Unfortunately due to the current circumstances we are unable to allow children to bring any toys/food/drink etc. from home. We appreciate that starting nursery can be a challenging time for little ones and understand that they would love to bring a comforter from home, however we must do what we can to prevent the spread of the virus and ask you to keep your children's toy etc. at home. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Tooth Brushing

As you may be aware, nurseries across Falkirk Council stopped the Child Smile tooth brushing program during the Covid-19 outbreak. During this time, The Care Inspectorate, Chief Dental Officer and Health Protection Scotland have reviewed the tooth brushing standards and now believe it is safe to re-start the Child Smile program within nursery classes. At Avonbridge we will be aiming to re-start daily tooth brushing at the end of October/ start of November. More information will be given to you regarding this nearer the time. Please speak to a member of staff if you have any questions about tooth brushing within the nursery.

Opening Times

A reminder that the nursery opening times are as follows:

Opening: 9.00 - 9.15 am and Closing 2.45 - 3.00 pm

Please remember to maintain social distancing at all times during drop off and pick up.

Pick Up and Drop Off

Beginning Monday October 5th we would like to ask that parents continue to wait outside the nursery gate on the lines provided. However, we will have a new marker on the ramp for one parent at a time to come up and drop off/collect their child while still maintaining social distancing from staff. A member of staff will still come out to this new marker to collect your child and bring them back out to you at the end of the day. If you need to use the nursery buzzer when dropping off or collecting your child, please press the buzzer and stand back at the line provided outside the nursery.

Changes in the Weather

As we are entering the winter months it is inevitable that the weather will be getting wetter and colder. Please ensure that your child is appropriately dressed for outdoor play. The nursery have waterproof suits that we will use but we ask that you provide a pair of welly boots and a pair of indoor shoes to change into when participating in indoor play. Please also label all hats, gloves, wellies, and jackets so we can make sure everything goes home with the correct child.

Staffing

I would like to take this opportunity to re-introduce you to our staff members within the nursery.

Mrs. Green - Senior Early Years Officer

Mrs. Morrison-Love and Mrs. Rosenberg - Early Years Officers

Miss Fleming and Miss Anderson- Early Years Assistants.

Avonbridge Nursery Twitter

We update our Twitter page almost on a daily basis. Please keep checking our Twitter page for photographs of the learning and teaching taking place in our nursery and for any updates.

@Avonbridgenurse

Up Coming Dates for Your Diary

World Smile Day: Friday October 2nd We will have a day of fun, laughter and activities to make us smile!

Dr. Bike: Monday October 5th: Please call the school if you would like to book to have your bike serviced as there are limited spaces, and if you have already booked a space remember to bring your bike today!

Pyjama Day: Friday October 9th come to school in your pyjamas to celebrate the end of term with a pyjama party!

October Week: Monday 12th October 2020 - Friday 23rd October 2020

Halloween Party: Friday October 30th

Christmas and New Year: Thursday 24th December 2020 - Wednesday 6th January 2021

Public Holiday: Friday 12th February 2021 - Monday 15th February 2021

Staff Development Day: Tuesday 16th February 2021

Easter Holiday: Friday 2nd April 2021 - Friday 16th April 2021

Thank- You ~

Nursery Staff

