

**Education Resources**  
Executive Director – Tony McDaid

**St Joseph's Primary School and Nursery Class**  
**23<sup>rd</sup> September 2021**



Dear Parent,

Over the last few weeks we have been very busy welcoming back our 'returners' and getting to know our new children and their families. We are delighted with how well the children have settled into their new environment.

### **Our Learning Environment**

Our nursery class continue to work indoors and outdoors. Each week the children will rotate to a new location within the nursery. This will maximise the children's learning experiences as well as widening the variety of resources on offer to the children. We will continue to maximise the time the children spend outdoors. As we will be outside for much of the day, we ask that your child attends nursery wearing appropriate clothing. Can we please ask you to provide your child with a change of footwear, a pair of white or black plimsolls, to be kept in your child's bag.

### **Sign In/Out Routine**

Thank you for your co-operation during staggered drop off and pick up times. Please ensure only **one adult** continues to enter the Bubble Area. All parents/carers should **wear a face mask** on the nursery site and when entering the 'Bubble' area. This is for the safety of our staff, children and families.

### **Updates**

Any changes or updates to our routine or any important information we wish to pass onto you will be uploaded to the Nursery section in St. Joseph's Primary School Website and Twitter page.



### **Parental Phone calls**

Parental Phone Calls began this week and will continue into next week, after the September weekend. We hope you find this form of communication helpful in getting to know you child's Keyworker further as well as discussing and setting Targets for you child for this term. If you wish to communicate information to the nursery or your child's keyworker at a later date, can we please ask that you do so via the Team Leader on the 'Bubble' area, via telephone on 01698 825121 or by email [office@st-josephs-pri.s-lanark.sch.uk](mailto:office@st-josephs-pri.s-lanark.sch.uk).

### **Virtual 'Stay and Play'**

Our Nursery Class recognise the impact that COVID-19 Guidance has had on our families being unable to enter the nursery floor. Last session we piloted a virtual 'Stay and Play' which was very successful and we would like to continue this form of communication this session. Every month, beginning in October, we will record one group of children in their learning environment. The recording will then be uploaded to the Nurseries Google Images account and the link will then be shared via email to our families. Please look out for further emails with links. If you should experience and issues with accessing the link, please do not hesitate to contact us to allow us to assist with access.

## **Absence Reporting**

To ensure children form good routines and achieve the best from their education, it is vital that they attend nursery regularly and on time. Please continue to telephone the office if your child is absent. **If your child's absence is COVID-19 related, we ask that you notify the school as soon as possible for data information.**

### **Some Important Reminders**

- Please remember to put names on your child's casual shirts and sweatshirts to avoid confusion.
- Please ensure you provide your child with a spare set of clothes, labelled with your child's name, in their bag each day. It makes it much easier and quicker for staff to change your child.
- Please ensure your child does not bring toys or other items into nursery.
- Please provide your child with a change of footwear.
- If your child, or a member of their household, displays Covid-19 related symptoms, please do not send them to nursery, follow NHS Inform and Test and protect Guidance.
- Please remember to maintain a two metre distance from other families at drop off/pick up times and in the Bubble Area.
- Wear a face mask while on the nursery site.

Many thanks you for your support in these matters.



### **Holidays / In-service Days for this Session**

<b>Sep week-end</b>	<b>Fri 24<sup>th</sup> and Mon 27<sup>th</sup> Sep</b>
<b>Mid-term</b>	<b>Mon 11<sup>th</sup> – Fri 15<sup>th</sup> Oct</b>
<b>Hallowe'en Event</b>	<b>Fri 29 Oct – details to follow</b>
<b>In-service Day</b>	<b>Monday 15<sup>th</sup> November</b>
<b>Christmas Holidays</b>	<b>School Closes Thur 23 Dec at 2.30 &amp; resumes – Thur 6 Jan 2022 at 9am</b>

### **Dates for Diary**

Our next meeting is –

**PTA AGM – 5<sup>th</sup> October 6pm - Contact the school office if you wish to join the meeting**

**Parent Council AGM – 5<sup>th</sup> October 6.30pm – Contact the school office if you wish to join the meeting**

**Yours sincerely,**

**Jacqueline Ross**

**Head Teacher**



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