

WOODBURN NURSERY CLASS NEWSLETTER



November/ December 2017

The children have been learning about the change in season from autumn to winter, which has opened up a lot of discussion around cold and animals that live in the colder parts of the world.

In the garden the children have been looking at different uses for sticks and have made stick men, painted with stick, cut them into circles and created large pieces of art on the ground. They came up with ideas of how to use stick and shared them with their group. They have been building bonfires and painting some spectacular fireworks pictures.

St Andrews day the end of November brought about lots of singing and dancing to Scottish music in the nursery. The children have been dressing up in kilts and other traditional Scottish dress. They have taken this into their art work making tartan pictures and gluing with porridge oats and lentils.

The wet weather and the puddles formed brought about jumping in and over puddles and investigations into floating and sinking and mixing to make soup. They were also looking at how water, cars and balls make it way along guttering and how to move them in different ways to see how the outcome would change.

Christmas Sing-a-long

We would like to invite you to the nursery Xmas sing-a-long **on Monday 18th of December** in the school. The children's performance will be at **10.50am** for the morning children and **2.45pm** for the afternoon



Loose Parts

We have been extending our use of loose parts in the nursery to provide your child with a rich and varied play environment. The children have been stacking milk crates and using them to climb up, on and over. Exploring tubes and tying things together and exploring length with rope.

What are Loose Parts? Loose parts are about real world learning for all children. Loose parts aren't prescriptive and offer limitless possibilities. A stick, for example, may become a fishing rod real or a spoon in a mud kitchen. It can be thrown, floated, snapped, pinged, bent,

PEEP

Peep takes place every **Tuesday morning and afternoon**. It is an eight week fun programme which offers parents/carers ways of making the most of **everyday learning opportunities** with their children. This in turn helps their children become more confident and good communicators. The sessions consist of **stories, songs,**

Weather and clothing

As the weather is changing can you please ensure your child **is dressed appropriately in clothes** that are suitable for messy play.

The nursery garden is open from the beginning of the nursery session. This allows children to move freely between **indoor and outdoor play areas** enhancing their Nursery experience. We use the outdoor environment every day in all weather; therefore please bring your child to nursery wearing appropriate clothing and footwear.

If you can please provide a **change of clothes** should your child become soiled or wet. These can be put in a bag on their peg. We do have some spare clothing in nursery and would welcome donations if you have items your child has outgrown.



Dates for your diary

Friday 15th December Christmas Jumper day

Monday 18th of December Nursery Sing-a-long Morning 10.50am-11.15am / Afternoon 2.45pm-3.15pm

Thursday 21st December Nursery Xmas party - please come dressed in your party clothes.

Friday December 22nd - Term Ends please note: Last day is for the morning children only there will be **no afternoon nursery**.

Tuesday 9th January - All resume
We hope you all have a lovely

Parking and Transport

Drop-off and pick-up times at Nursery can be very busy outside in our car park. We would appreciate if you could consider a few options when parking at School. While it would be ideal if everyone could **walk to Nursery**, this is not always possible. Please use only the **designated car spaces** which are marked out, leaving disabled spaces for those who possess a permit to use them. You may want to consider a **Park and Stride** option where you could park a short distance away from away from Nursery and walk the rest of your

Registration and Absences

Nursery doors are open from **8.30-8.50am** for morning sessions and **12.25-12.45pm** for afternoon sessions. Registration of Nursery children takes place just after the doors close and therefore any latecomers should enter through the main school office.

We understand young children can catch many bugs, especially at this time of year! We follow guidelines from NHS Lothian when we are notified of any illnesses in Nursery. If your child will not be coming to Nursery, for any reason please let us know by telephone. Please also make sure that your **emergency contact details** are up to date with the school office.

Parent Helpers required!

Telephone numbers

School office - 0131 271 4715

Nursery Playroom - 0131 271 4716

Please use the telephone number for the Nursery playroom on a Friday afternoon as the school office closes at 12.30pm