



St Andrew's Nursery

Newsletter March 2021



'To the world you may be one person, but to one person you may be the world.' Dr Seuss

*Dear parents/carers, we are delighted to welcome our families back to our setting.
Our children have settled in well in the past few weeks and are really making the most of our garden.
As our nursery continues to grow, we are excited to welcome some new friends this week.*

Nursery Improvement Plan

Using the Early Years new online learning platform, our staff have been working very hard on looking at quality observations and developing our Learning Profiles. Quality observations are integral for gathering evidence of your child's learning and development and gives us an insight into what interests your child as well as informing us on your child's learning priorities and next steps. This information feeds into our planning, ensuring your child is not only a part of the planning process but our planning is based on your child's interests and needs.

In the coming weeks, we will be moving towards using Seesaw as an online platform to share our learning with our families. We would love to hear from you too! You can add photographs and comments on Seesaw which will help our staff to plan learning opportunities that are responsive to your child's needs and you can add a comment to your child's Learning Profile. We hope that this will be a successful way for you to share your child's achievements at home and to share your views on your child's progress. More information to follow.

Continue to keep an eye out on Twitter as staff will be posting photographs and activities.

Staffing

We would like to welcome Mrs Mackay, our new EYP, who will work a Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday and we would also like to welcome our new Modern Apprentice Ms Jancyk. We are delighted to welcome new faces to the team.

Congratulations to Mrs Donaldson who has secured a new post near her home in the Scottish Borders. We will be sad to see her go. Although Mrs Donaldson was only with us for a short time, she has become a valuable member of our team and we would like thank her for dedication and commitment to our children. She will be greatly missed.

Our Principal Teacher, Mrs Graham, who has been leading the improvements in the nursery, will begin her maternity leave at the end of May.

Parental Consultation:

This term, Parental Consultations will be a telephone consultation appointment. They will take place the week beginning the 29th March. Your child's keyworker will review learning priorities your child has been working towards in Literacy, Numeracy and Health and Wellbeing and you will have the opportunity to set new targets and discuss ways we can support your child meeting these targets for the term ahead. A letter about arrangements for Parental Consultations this term will follow shortly.

Social Distancing:

Thank you to all our families that have maintained a 2m distance at drop and pick up times. As you may know, P4 to P7 classes will be joining us on the 15th of March. To ensure safety of our staff and families, we have changed our drop off and pick up arrangements and we have opened our nursery garden for our nursery parents to maintain a 2m distance. The ongoing issue with our nursery garden ground is being looked into by our grounds maintenance team and we hope to have this issue resolved in the coming weeks.

Parent Club Campaign

Parent Club have developed a campaign aimed at helping parents with current restrictions throughout the phased return to schools and ELC settings.

The key messages of the campaign are:

- Adults wear face coverings at drop off/pick up
- Stick to one adult at pick up/drop off
- Adults keep 2 metres apart
- Avoid car sharing
- Self-isolate if anyone in your household has symptoms

These messages are aligned with the content of the recent letter from Professor Jason Leitch.

Thank you to all of our families who continue to work in partnership with our setting. Safety is our priority and we continue to ensure appropriate health and safety procedures and risk assessments are in place to continue to keep our staff, children and families safe.

Please do not hesitate to get in contact with us.

Keep safe and stay in touch.

Mrs Graham

Communication

If you need to get in contact with us, you can phone and leave a message and a member of staff will get back to as soon as soon as possible.

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DIARY DATES

March 29th Parental Consultation Week

April 1st Term Ends

April 20th Term Begins

