



Goodlyburn Nursery

Newsletter August 2020

WELCOME BACK 😊 AUGUST 2020

Hello and welcome back to Goodlyburn Nursery (GBN) We have missed you all!!

As you can appreciate in these challenging times, we have had to make some changes to keep you and your child safe. We will try to keep this as stress free as we can, but with everything just now it will be trial and error. Please be patient with us and we will do our best to meet all your needs. Our social media platform and school app will give you this information and all current information you will need moving forward. Please don't hesitate to speak to myself or a member of the nursery team if you feel you need too.

Rebecca Mee (Senior ECP)

STAFF CHANGES

Mr Park and Mrs Beckett our Play Assistants will not be returning this term and have been successful in other opportunities, we wish them all the very best and thank you for all your hard work.

Elizabeth Watson and Emma Thomas will join the GBN Team as our new Play Assistants. We are delighted in welcoming them to GBN. Both ladies will support the lunchtime routine and offer rich play experience for your children.

We also say goodbye to Mrs Simpson who leaves us to join the nursery team at Dunbarney – We wish you well Mrs Simpson and thank you for all your hard work and creative ideas over the past years, you will be missed.

Mrs Amy Killoh will join us as the newly appointed ECP. Mrs Killoh was a student with us during her HNC studies and is already familiar with the children and staff at GBN. We look forward to welcoming her back to the team.

SNACK AND LUNCHES

All snack and lunches will be free to nursery children. We are currently only providing a cold packed lunch. You are welcome to provide your child with a packed lunch from home if you prefer. If you do, could I ask that you put a cold pack into your child's box as we do not have the provisions to store any of your child's lunch in our fridge. Thank you. I will take your child's lunch order on arrival each morning.

OUR LEARNING

This term we will focus on your child's transition back to nursery and their wellbeing. Lockdown was very challenging, and we appreciate that some children will be anxious and nervous coming back whilst for others it will be like they have never left. We will use our learning for The Adventures with Alice to support your child's return to learning through play in the nursery environment. We will have an emphasis on outdoor learning utilising our new outdoor shelter and play ground. We have so much to investigate and explore!

STAY AND PLAY

Unfortunately, due to the current COVID-19 restriction we will not be able to offer any stay and play sessions at the moment. We will hopefully get further guidance on this from the Care Inspection and Scottish Government in due course.

NURSERY TEACHER

We would like to welcome Mrs Margaret Bain who has been temporarily re deployed to GBN whilst we await the appointment of a permanent teacher. Mrs Bain will be with us three days a week offering rich learning opportunities for your child. I hope you will all make her feel welcome.

CLOTHING

Current guidance from the Care Inspection states that nurseries should not allow children to share shoes or clothing.

Could we ask that **ALL** children come prepared to nursery. Children will need, a warm jacket with hood, waterproof clothing and wellies for outdoor play. They will need sun cream and hats for they rare days of sunshine! And all children need a change of clothes that include spare pants and sock. **PLEASE LABEL ALL CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR.** Last year we had 6 children who all owned the same pair of shoes. Please support us in keeping your child's belongings with them.

TOYS/COMFORTERS FROM HOME

To reduce the spread of germs we ask that you keep all home toys at home.

If your child needs a comforter to transition from home to nursery then please provide a labelled, sealable tub that this can be stored in. We cannot be held responsible if these are lost. But we do understand and appreciate the need for some children to bring their comforters with them.

Nurturing your child's individual needs will always be an integral part of our role in building a relationship and connecting with your child. Each child has their own Keyworker to support this.