**WOODBURN ELCC NEWSLETTER**   **December 2019**

The children have been learning about the change in season from autumn to winter, which has opened up a lot of discussion around the weather and animals that live in the colder parts of the world. There has also been interest this term with how pulley systems work. Our focus book for Talk4Writing this block is “Dear Zoo” and Mrs Ramsay is working with both rooms with those children who are showing an interest in storytelling and writing.

The children in the full-time room have all had an opportunity to experience outdoor learning at the new Vogrie Outdoor ELC setting. This will continue in January 2020. Lots of den building, making swings and using maps have been interests led by the children. We are in the process of planning for the part-time room to start outdoor learning in the local environment in the New Year now that we have additional waterproofs.





**Christmas Activities**

As we approach Christmas time we have lots of exciting activities and events happening.

* WPS School Christmas Fair – **Saturday 30th November 2019, 10:00 – 12:00**
* Nursery Christmas Sing-along – **Wednesday 11th December at 14:30 (PM group)** and **Thursday 12th December at 9:00 (AM and full time room)**
* Nursery Christmas Parties – Thursday 19th December (AM & Full time room)

 Friday 20th December (PM room)

If you want to send Christmas cards, please send these to the nursery group or room. Staff will read these out during group time.

**Family Learning**

We have a number of family learning opportunities taking place. We welcome all

* **PEEP** – Orange and Green groups Monday 13:15 – 14:15, Silver and Read Groups Wednesday 11:15 – 12:15,
* **Big Bed Time Read** – Tuesday AM
* **Lending Library** – Monday AM room 8:30 – 9:00, Full Time 14:45 – 15:00, PM 15:45 – 16:00. Please ensure packs are returned before receiving another.
* **Bookbug Group** – Tuesday 11:45 – 12:15 and 13:05 – 13:35
* **Vogrie / Outdoor Learning –** staff have a copy of those parents who addressed an interest so please feel free to attend Vogrie with your child or support the part-time room when we start next session.

**Nursery Times and Pick Up**

Can we please remind families that the door opening times are as follows;

**Little Seedlings (Part time)**

AM 8:30 – 8:50 until 12:15 – 12:30

PM 13:00 – 13:20 until 15:45 – 16:00

**Little Acorns (Full time)**

8:30 – 8:50 until 14:45 – 15:00

If you choose to collect your child before the end of the session in the afternoon, we kindly ask you to go to the school office and a member of staff will bring your child along. We have trialled opening the door before the end of the session and having so many adults enter the room is causing disruption to the children’s learning. We also have health and safety concerns as a number of people come through the nursery and it takes staff away from working with the children to supervise the door.

**Weather and clothing**

As the weather is changing can you please ensure your child is dressed appropriately in clothes that are suitable for the outdoors, as we continue to access the outdoors on a daily basis, in a variety of weather.

Can you please ensure you provide a change of clothes for your child. These can be put in a bag on their peg. We do have a very limited amount of clothing in the nursery however our stocks are running low. If your child comes home in nursery clothing, can you please return this ASAP. We would welcome any donations if you have items you child has outgrown.



**Shared Learning**

We had a successful shared learning week last week and hope all our families who attended had an enjoyable time sharing literacy as well as joining in with various other opportunities that were going on. Can we ask that you complete the Shared Learning sheet so this can be added to your child’s learning journal. We also appreciate any of your comments which enables us to continue to provide a quality service.

**Diary Dates**

Nursery closes on Friday 20th December at normal finishing time.

Monday 6th January: Inservice

Tuesday 7th January: all children resume

***We wish all our children and families a Merry Christmas and Best Wishes for 2020 The Early Years Team***