

 **Big Bedtime Read**

Our Equity & Excellence Lead Janine Stewart alongside CDW Denise Dickson and CDW Louisa Fallon will be starting the lending library after the October holiday. This is an opportunity for our families to take a pack of books home weekly to support a bedtime story routine.

This is supporting Midlothian Council’s target of raising the number of children receiving a bedtime story across our Early Learning & Childcare Centres.

**Pedal Cycle Scotland** 

We now have two members of staff trained in Pedal Cycle and have the bikes to support physical skills.

SCDW Mrs Liz Doig in Little Seedlings room and CDW Mrs Emma Aitchison will be organising to take groups of children to develop their cycle skills after the October holiday.

All children will have the opportunity to participate, if they choose.

**Diary**

**Monday 14th October** – October Holiday Week

**Monday 21st October** - Staff Inservice (closed to children)

**Tuesday 22nd October** – Staff Inservice (closed to children)

**Wednesday 23rd October -** Children return normal session times.

**Monday 11th November** – Shared Learning Week (information to follow)

**Monday 18th & Tuesday 19th November –** Child Smile Fluoride Varnishing

**Reminders**

**Nursery Sessions:** Little Seedlings AM 8.30 - 12.30 doors open 8.30-8.50 and 12.15 - 12.30 PM 1.00 - 4.00 doors open 1.00:1.20 and 3.45 - 4.00

Little Acorns 8.30:3.00 doors open 8.30:8.50 and 2.40:3.00

Fridays for both room (PM children - Little Seedlings)

8:30 – 12:20

Doors open 8:30 – 8:50 and 12:05 – 12:20

Please ensure you arrive promptly as staff require the times at end of the session for planning and staff meetings.

***Audrey Lenaghen & Nursery staff***

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**Thank you**

Welcome to our new families who have started nursery in the last few months. The children have all settled in and our new children are being well supported by our “returners” who are being responsible citizens.

We are now heading into the colder, damper days so can I remind parents to make sure children arrive at nursery with coats and appropriate items for colder weather. Please ensure that items do have your child’s name written on them. We access outdoor play in all weathers so please ensure your child(ren) are appropriately dressed as we only have a small stock of extra coats and waterproofs.

Due to this time of year many germs and illnesses start to appear. Can I remind parents to inform the school office or nursery of any absences. Telephone numbers are – Office 0131 271 4715 Nursery 0131 271 4716 *Children with sickness and diarrhoea should remain absent for* ***48 hours*** *after the last bout of illness.*

I would like to thank the parents who were involved in giving recent feedback. Responses were extremely positive and we are using this information to plan our family learning opportunities. We will communicate what parent helper support we require and planned events very soon. We will continue to work in partnership with you over the session.

 **Staffing**

Childcare & Development Worker Miss Louisa Fallon is getting married during the October holidays and will be known as Mrs Kirkwood on her return to Nursery. We wish Miss Fallon best wishes for her special day.

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We have had lots of exciting things happening since returning from our Summer holiday. The children have had great interest in learning about the season Autumn’. We did walks in the local area and tasting sessions of fruit grown in our garden. The children have also had great fun exploring sensory experiences using seeds and pulses.

Staff have completed Talk4Writing training and children have enjoyed a variety of early literacy opportunities using the story “The Little Red Hen”.

We also have a new addition to the Little Seedlings room, ‘Boggins’, our giant snail which has stimulated a lot of interest from all the children in both rooms.

This session the Little Acorns room are piloting 30 hours of Early Learning & Childcare. We have had lots of learning opportunities around exploring lunches and trying new foods and textures, developing our social skills with adults sharing the lunchtime experience, modelling how to use cutlery and encouraging children to be responsible for preparing, clearing up and supporting good personal hygiene practices such as hand washing.

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