

Westhill Primary School Nursery Weekly
Newsletter
1st December 2023



SNUG ROOM/FAMILY NURTURE

We would like to request donations of Christmas books and stories for our:

*****Big Christmas Book Swap*****

If books could be donated by Monday the 11th of December, we will be able to offer them for a swap from Monday the 18th of December. The books will be displayed in the Snug Room for you and your child to choose.

The books you kindly donate can of course be second hand as long as they are in readable condition and if you have more than one, that is fine too (please ensure the books are not well loved as they will not be returned, this would be a permanent swap). All children and families will have the opportunity to look through the selection of books and choose one to take home to share with their family.

Although this book swap is specific to Christmas, we do hope that if it is successful, we will run a book swap across the year to share our love of reading and stories.

Thank you for your support in this, we hope you all get the opportunity to use it! 😊

WOW WALL

We would like to remind you about our Wow Wall, and how we use it to share your children's achievements and learning out with the nursery. Please either email Mrs Borthwick or pop in some pictures of what your child has been up to along with a wee blurb to explain to us. We can then put these up on the Wow wall where the children can appreciate each other's experiences and share in them too.



We love to see the children's achievements and remember, this can be anything from trying a new food, to riding a bike without stabilisers to an award at an activity they take part in such as swimming or dancing. We just love to be proud of our children! 😊

STAY AND PLAY

We are really looking forward to opening our doors again to our families, welcoming you through stay and play sessions in the nursery. These will run from January to July and will be available to sign up to every day. Times offered will be either 10am to 12pm or 1pm to 3pm.

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These sessions are to give you the opportunity to see our nursery in full flow and to spend some time with your child in our environment. You can learn about what they get up to and the experiences they are offered both inside and out (please remember your jacket in case you are outside too!).

We understand the difficulty to attend for working families but hope that by offering every day, there will be an appropriate time for you to attend. If not, we do of course welcome Mums, Dads, Aunties, Uncles and Grandparents to name just a few, so please feel free to book a time suitable for any of them to join your child.

These sessions are usually hugely popular with both children and families alike, so please have a think about when would suit you and pop a quick email to Mrs Borthwick with the day and time you would like to attend.

We look forward to welcoming you all! 😊

TESCO TOKENS



Our box is always filling up nicely with tokens so thank you very much to all our families for your support! Please keep posting those tokens until the middle of January when the big count will start and the value of our prize announced.

TISSUES

Please could we ask each child to bring a box of tissues to nursery for the use of all the children. As I am sure you can imagine, we need our stock replenished often!

REPORTING ABSENCES

If your child is going to be absent, please either call the nursery 01224 472900 ext 3 (will take you right through to speak to a member of the nursery staff) or email fiona.borthwick@aberdeenshire.gov.uk

DO NOT call or email the school office as we do not have access to the answer machine or school mailbox so will not get your message.

Council and Care Inspectorate guidance stipulates that we must know where every child is whom is expected to be in nursery. If we do not receive a call or email, then we will work through your emergency contacts list. Policy states that if we do not get an answer then we would contact Social Work and the Police.

Thank you for your support in this matter.

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SPECIAL DIETARY REQUIREMENTS

We have new online forms this year to be completed if your child has any dietary requirements, for example, allergies, intolerances, or lifestyle choices. Please follow the link below if your child requires a special diet. Thank you.

<https://forms.office.com/e/hDnuMFnpjx>

SPARE CLOTHES

We have a stock of spare clothes in the nursery in case the children require anything, but we are currently running low on trousers. If you have any spare or old leggings or tracksuit bottoms (age 3/4/5yrs) at home going spare, please could we have them as donations? Thank you.

LOST PROPERTY

Lost property is located to the left of the main nursery door at the ramp. You are welcome to come and have a look at any time if you have lost any items.

WESTHILL NURSERY FACEBOOK PAGE

Keep up to date with the latest info, key dates (Parent Council meetings, pyjama day and the likes!) and get to know other parents and carers. All are welcome, it's a great way to keep in touch and arrange playdates or track down muddled-up jumpers, and we can also share any queries or concerns with the PTA team. Search Westhill Nursery on Facebook to join, or click here:

www.facebook.com/groups/westhillnursery.

PARENT COUNCIL

If you would like to get in touch with Westhill Primary School Parent Council, please use the email below.

wp.parentcouncil@googlemail.com

NURSERY UNIFORM

If you would like to order nursery uniform, please use the link below.

<https://www.schoolwearnadeeasy.com/badged-school-uniform/r-w/w/westhill-nursery>

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AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

If you would like to get in touch with the after school club, please use the email below.

outofschoolclubwesthill@aberdeenshire.gov.uk

APPROPRIATE CLOTHING

Please ensure your child is appropriately dressed for the weather when they arrive at nursery. If they come to nursery in wellies, then please provide a pair of indoor shoes to change into as wellies are not the comfiest for the children to wear all day. As the weather turns colder, please ensure they have plenty of warm clothes to go with their jackets, for example, hats, gloves and scarves. Please remember to **NAME ALL** items as this will make it much easier for us to find should they get lost.

NURSERY DAYS

Westhill Nursery is open from 8am to 6pm Monday to Friday, 50 weeks of the year. The nursery will close to the children on in-service days, occasional days and public holidays as well as for 2 weeks at Christmas. We offer two sessions a day morning session 8am to 1pm and afternoon session 1pm to 6pm.

For your convenience and to offer you flexibility, we have a soft start and finish at either end of the sessions as follows:

Morning session – drop off between 8am and 9am

1pm pick up – collect between 12.45 and 1pm (please no later than 1pm as we have more children arriving for the afternoon session)

1pm drop off – drop off from 1 to 1.15pm

All children in afternoon/full day sessions – pick up from 3.15pm to 5.55pm

Each day you arrive with your child you will be asked who is collecting them and at what time. If this changes during the session, PLEASE DO get in touch with us and let us know by calling 01224 472900 and pressing for ext 3 which will take you right through to speak to a member of the nursery team.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- Monday 25th December 23' to Friday 7th January 24' (inclusive)
CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS – **no children attend.**
- Thursday 8th and Friday 9th February

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OCCASIONAL DAYS – no children attend.

- Monday 12th February
LOCAL HOLIDAY – no children attend.
- Tuesday 13th and Wednesday 14th February
IN-SERVICE DAYS – no children attend.
- Monday 1st to Friday 12th April
EASTER HOLIDAYS – only all year children attend.
- Monday 6th May
MAY DAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY – no children attend.

Mrs Fiona Borthwick and the nursery staff. 😊

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