



Tinto Primary Nursery Early Learning and Childcare

November/December
2016



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Staffing News

Nicola Laing is no longer with us on a Friday morning to cover Mrs MacPhail. The Nursery Teacher post has also been advertised.

Diary Dates:

21st November In-service – Nursery Closed

Fun Friday – 25th Wear something with a number(s)

Book shop outing for Blue Group

Nativity/Christmas Sing-along – Tuesday 13th December

Agenda to be confirmed, if you have any suggestions into what you would like to discuss please feel free to email Mrs. Miller gw15millerlynsey@glow.sch.uk

20th December Christmas party

Thursday 22nd Close for Christmas holidays.

Coffee Chat – Thursday 19th January

Our Learning Focus this term.

This term in the run up to Christmas we have a particular focus on literacy. The children are learning about the role of the author, illustrator and the different parts that make up a book e.g. pages, words, front cover etc. During free play the children will have the opportunity to get involved in creating their own stories, or retelling a familiar story. Through Drama the children will have the opportunity to retell their story, performing in front of a small audience.

At present we are focusing on the author Eric Carle, who wrote the story, The very busy spider. He's probably best known for the 'The very Hungry Caterpillar'. The children have shown a lot of interest in spiders this term. In our planning we will be following the children's interests in spiders through a wide range of learning experiences. Within the nursery we are trying to make more literacy connections for the children through environment print. This involves labeling and adding pictorial images, which we hope will make the learning environment more accessible and visually interesting. We would really like the children and yourself to get involved if possible. If everyone could take a photograph of a number or numbers they see in the environment. This could be a number on a clock, remote control, bus, house number ANYTHING, ANYWHERE that would be amazing!

Please share any number photos with Mrs Miller at gw15millerlynsey@glow.sch.uk

Book shop – Fun Friday Money

As mentioned in the previous newsletter we will be visiting the local book shop in Biggar – Atkinson Pryce Books. This will give the opportunity to chose some books with the money raised from our Fun Fridays along with having a storytelling session. The first outing will be the end of November/beginning of December, the date is yet to be confirmed. The Blue group will be the first group going with Mrs Miller, Mrs MacPhail and Jayanthi Cathcart as a parent helper. We may be looking for more helpers in January when the red and green group plan to go. We will be going on the 9:34 bus into Biggar, returning on the 10:45 bus. Before your child is able to go any outing you will be asked to complete an EV5 form. A risk assessment will also be carried out prior to our trip.



Christmas Events

Christmas Baubles

You should have all received a slip asking if you would like to order a Christmas photo Bauble, if you haven't received one please see a member of the nursery

team. Baubles will be £1.50. please have your order and money in ASAP please to avoid disappointment.

Christmas Raffle As a fundraiser for the nursery we will be looking for collections for a Christmas Hamper, this will be raffled at the Nativity. Raffle tickets will be £1 a strip. Any festive, novelty, seasonal donations for the hamper would be greatly appreciated; we'll let you use your imagination.

Nativity – This year the children will be involved in retelling the story of Jesus' Christmas Party as their Nativity following by a Christmas sing-along. We hope you'll all be able to join us. Times to be confirmed.

Coffee

Thank you to all who managed to our Coffee chat, minutes will be typed up and put on the

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