

## Nessies Nippers Nursery



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9.30am - 12.40 pm Mon - Fri

September 2015 Newsletter

We hope you have all had a nice summer break and would like to welcome you all back for another fun year at Nessie's.



Our current topic has been about people who care for us, starting with doctors and a fantastic visit from Doctor Lorien Cameron-Ross. We have now moved onto the police and will hopefully be organising a trip to the station or a visit from an officer, in the near future.



As of this time of year with so many bugs on the go, we would like to give a wee reminder of our policy concerning sickness, to prevent the spread of infection within nursery, as taken from our parent handbook:

### **Illness**

*If your child is ill, please do not bring him/her to the Centre. Coughs, sneezes, sickness and diarrhoea spread very rapidly through the group. If your child has an infectious illness, please keep him/her away from the group until the infectious period is over. In line with NHS infection control guidelines we ask that in the case of sickness and diarrhoea you keep your child at home until they have been clear for 48 hours.*

*The following guidelines are the minimum periods of exclusion – the doctor in attendance may in some cases desire longer exclusions.*

- *Chickenpox 10 days from onset of rash*
- *Measles 4 days from onset of rash*
- *Rubella 4 days from onset of rash*
- *Mumps until the swelling has subsided, but not less than 7 days from the onset of symptoms.*

*Should your child be required to take prescribed medication during his/her attendance at the centre you will be required to comply with our centre's administering of medication procedures contained in the centre's parent's information folder. Staff will provide relevant information and guidance.*

**General:** *Non-specific medicine e.g. Calpol will not be administered by staff in sessional centres. For procedures for administering prescribed medication please see the full Health & Safety Policy.*

*Head lice can on occasion be a problem. We ask that all parents check their child's hair regularly and if any lice are found please treat your child as soon as possible. Information about head lice can be found in our policy folder.*

Show and Tell will continue on a Friday, with each child bringing one toy in to play and to talk about to their peers to encourage language and social skills.



We have already had a lovely visit from our friends at South Loch Ness nursery in Foyers and hope to facilitate a few more throughout the year, to instigate the building of relationships of future peers. We are also aiming to do more activities with the school this year, to enhance transitioning from nursery to school.

Childsmile have been for their first visit which all children engaged well in taking their turn to brush Mojo's teeth. A date has yet to be given for teeth varnishing but we will update you when we find out.



We would like parents to participate in childrens learning and development by noting down any comments made at home of our topic in our parent corner along with any suggestion for nursery, or feel free to pass on to Tracy or Deanne. If you would like to discuss your child's learning in private this can also be facilitated, just give us a call and we can arrange a suitable time. Feel free to look through floorbooks, wall displays and learning journeys at your leisure to see your child's learning.

Staff will be absent throughout the year to access important training, Child Protection, First Aid, Self Evaluation, Assessment for Learning, Planning, Play and Learning in Practice. Staff relief cover will be booked via CALA Staffbank.

We have had notification to complete our Care Inspectorate Self Assessment, which indicates we will have an unannounced visit at some time.

This year we are going to increase our use of CALA website where Nessies will have their own blog for all our news. [www.careandlearningalliance.co.uk](http://www.careandlearningalliance.co.uk)

Nursery will be closed for in-service day training on 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> September and will reopen as normal Monday 28<sup>th</sup> September. October holidays will Monday 12<sup>th</sup> October for 2 weeks and will reopen Monday 26<sup>th</sup> October.

Nursery would very much appreciate the support of parents with the current Calais Appeal. We thought we could bring in our change in coins and lay them out in our hall, the children can position them, then sort them, and then count them which would be good for numeracy development whilst contributing to a great cause.

You may also hear your children speaking a different language as we are encouraging the learning of basic Spanish to offer diversity and develop language skills.

Tracy & Deanne