



Little Einstein Nurseries Perth

JANUARY NEWSLETTER 2016

Exciting changes....

This year will see the introduction of a number of new initiatives. These will include;

Stay and play – Parents, grandparents, family will be given the opportunity to come along and take part in activities in the nursery

Participation strategy – We will be looking to encourage you to be more of a part in the development of the centre by offering ideas and suggestions.

Library – The nursery has a library that we would like to become more useful to parents and children. In the coming months we will develop this with support.

Sharing knowledge – Do you have a particular skill that you could share with our children? We are looking for any parent of family member that would like to share their skills with our children. If you feel that you would like to do this and have time to spare, please let us know.

Change in the weather.....



We would like to remind parents that despite the weather we do aim to get the children outdoors as much as possible. Please could we ask that all children are brought to nursery with appropriate clothing to support outdoor play? We aim to allow the children access to outdoors a minimum of twice per day. Please ensure that items are clearly named. Could we also ask for appropriate footwear to be kept at the nursery wherever possible? Slippers or indoors shoes are encouraged. The nursery has a limited supply and would ask that in extremes of temperatures, parents aim to supply hats, gloves and scarves.



Shelby
Townsley

Winner
2016

Employee of the Year 2016

Thank you to all parents, children and staff that took part in voting for our employee of the year. We are pleased to announce that it was a unanimous vote that led Shelby Townsley to be nominated Employee of the year 2016.

Shelby will receive one additional weeks paid holiday as a gift.

Please remember we welcome feedback and suggestions from parents and service users regarding what we offer. If you would like to make a comment, or suggestion please feel free to contact us on; Tel: 01738 626 700

E-mail: perth@littleeinsteinsnurseries.co.uk

Or in person to a staff member or management. Our office door is always open.

HOLIDAYS

If you are planning to take holidays throughout the year, we would kindly request you inform the nursery at your earliest convenience. This allows us time to plan and arrange time for staff to spend with their families.

We would ask that all details are passed to the nursery in writing, an e-mail is also welcome. You can contact us at perth@littleinsteinsnurseries.co.uk

If you have any queries, please let us know.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

JANUARY – W/C 25.01 · STAY AND PLAY. During this week you are encouraged to come along and join us for a stay and play session. This involves coming along and taking part in planned activities in your child's playroom. Times available are 10-11.30, 2.30-4. If you are interested, please speak to a member of staff from your child's playroom.

FEBRUARY – Monday 8th – ZOO LAB will be attending to help the children celebrate Chinese New Year. Children that do not attend on this day are welcome to come along, we would ask that you notify the office.

MARCH – Thursday 24th – BRAIN TUMOUR CHARITY. We will be holding our annual fundraiser for our nominated charity on the 24th. It is 'wear a hat' day. Children will be encouraged to wear any hat they like and pay a £1 donation. We will hold a bake sale on the day.

APRIL W/C 18.04 · STAY AND PLAY. During this week you are encouraged to come along and join us for a stay and play session. This involves coming along and taking part in planned activities in your child's playroom. Times available are 10-11.30, 2.30-4. If you are interested, please speak to a member of staff from your child's playroom.

MAY – Tuesday 3rd – PARENTS EVENING. You will be offered the opportunity to come along to the nursery and discuss your child's progress in the center.

JUNE – Friday 24th – PRESCHOOL GRADUATION. Parents and family members are welcome to come along and join us in celebrating the successes of our school leavers.

JULY – Friday 29th - SPORTS DAY (2-5yr age group). We will hold our annual sports day for the 2-5 age group. Parents & family members welcome to come along.

Absence

Please can we remind parents that we request you to notify the nursery in advance or on the day of absence, any periods your child will not attend. We have a requirement to ensure that children are safe at all times, this includes when not at nursery. Following a case in the news from West Lothian where a child went missing before school and no one was aware – sadly with a tragic end. It has been decided through Care Inspectorate that we make contact with parents. This will be done at the start of each uninformed absence. Failure to make contact may result in the nursery following guidelines and contacting social work. Please keep us updated with any planned/ unplanned absences

Toys

Please could we ask all parents to encourage their children to leave precious toys etc at home? We often have an increased supply within the centre which leads to children getting confused or upset when things are lost or damaged. It is sometimes hard for a child to watch another enjoying their toy, leading to tears.

Staff are on hand and will remind children as well. If you would like support, please ask.

Policy & Procedures

This month we are continuing to highlight our Infection Control policy & Medication policy in order to better assist parents. . A copy is attached to this newsletter for details. We would draw parent's attention specifically to the section detailing 'Unwell children'.

We would ask all parents, if your child is unwell please consider the following points before bringing them to nursery;

- Are they well enough to cope with the day?
- Are you or someone suitable available within a 1hr period, should your child need to come home?
- Have they had a bout of sickness or diarrhea?

IF SO THEY MUST NOT ATTEND NURSERY FOR 48HRS FROM THE LAST BOUT

- If they require medication, it must be supplied following our medication policy (attached to this newsletter)
- **Medication must be supplied in the original container, with box and instruction leaflet and be signed in prior to each occasion of use.**

The nursery will in each case make the decision regarding when to send a child home due to being unwell. When there are cases which will result in exclusion from nursery from known illness, parents will be contacted in the first instance for exclusion. If you would like to ask questions or make suggestion, please feel free to contact us.