



# Greenhills Primary School

## January 2023



### Nursery News

#### Staffing

Mrs Dickson has been successful in securing a temporary promoted post within South Lanarkshire and her final day will be Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> December. We wish her every success. We are delighted to welcome Mrs Dunsmore to our team.

#### Learning

This month we will be learning all about Christmas. It is lovely to see so many parents interacting with Learning Journals whether it's a 'like', a comment or even uploading a picture of your child doing something at home. Staff love to see what the children are doing at home to support their learning or even just having fun! This also provides an opportunity for staff to develop meaningful conversations with the children. Any issues with using Learning Journals please speak to Mrs Phin.

#### Story of the Month

Our story for the month for December will be the "Nativity" story. You can help your child at home to develop a love of books by reading stories, discussing the characters and plot, and asking the children to retell well known stories.

#### Proud Cloud

Thank you to all families who are engaging in our Proud Cloud initiative. This is an excellent opportunity for our children to achieve and progress their skills, particularly independence. Can Proud Cloud booklets please be returned on a Thursday or a Friday each week so they can be reissued on a Monday. Also a reminder that it is just one achievement per week maximum and some achievements might take more than one week to complete. It is important your child achieves their target consistently. If you have any questions please ask the member of staff who is at the door.

#### School/Nursery Values

Our values are listed at the bottom of each newsletter. They are – Believe, Happy, Inclusive, Respectful and Safe. We encourage our children and adults to display our values and relate behaviours to them e.g. if we see a child asking another child to join in play we might thank the child for being inclusive.

#### Early Years A-Z of attachment and resilience

This document is produced by South Lanarkshire Council Psychological Service and is designed to support parents/carers. Within each newsletter we will explain 2 or 3 letters of the A-Z. Should you wish further advice or support on any aspect please speak to Mrs Phin or a member of staff.

A is for Attention- it is important to pay attention to your child, listen with your whole body, not just your ears. Look directly at your child, turn your body to face them and use facial expressions to respond appropriately. Whilst using encouraging phrases and repeating what they say can be encouraging, it can also be helpful to remain silent at times.

B is for Boundaries and Consequences- by providing your child with boundaries you are giving them clear limits. Without clear boundaries children do not know where they are safe and where there is danger. Agree on boundaries and stick to them. Separate the behaviour from the child (it's not the child that's naughty, it's the behaviour) and explain why the consequences are being given. The most important thing is to follow through with consequences so make them realistic for you and your child.

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C is for Consistent – Children find it difficult to control their behaviour in the way adults can. By helping children to develop self control we can help them manage and respond to their feelings, impulses and needs in the future. Try to be consistent in what you say and do. Establish some routines at bedtime and/or in the morning, these can help free up additional time for you to have fun together.

### Safety in Nursery

Keeping children safe in Nursery is always our top priority. You may have seen our SIMOA poster in the cloakroom. See below. We encourage our children to be aware of their own safety and the safety of others at all times. We would ask that parents/carers ensure doors are closed behind them when entering and exiting the nursery and alert staff to any identified potential risks.



Parent Committee

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Thank you to the parents who attended the meeting on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> November. We finalised Christmas arrangements and discussed ideas for fundraising for the nursery trip in June. Please do come along and join us for an informal cuppa and chat at our next meeting on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> January at 9am.

### Children's wellbeing

Your child's physical and emotional wellbeing is very important to us. If there is anything you think we need to know in order to support your child please inform staff when you drop off in the morning. We aim to have our nursery filled with happy children!

### Access to water

Children have access to fresh drinking water within the nursery therefore could we ask that you do not send water bottles into nursery. Thank you.

### SALT

The helpline number for Speech and Language Therapy is 01698575707 should you have any queries. Alternatively you can email [sltenquiry@lanarkshire.scot.nhs.uk](mailto:sltenquiry@lanarkshire.scot.nhs.uk). Tiny Happy People is a website to help you develop your child's language skills. There are great activities and play ideas to help the development of your child.

### Story Sacks

All the children will have a turn at choosing a story sack and taking it home. These are a helpful resource to help your child develop a love of books in a fun and meaningful way. Please ensure all contents are in the sack before returning it to nursery.

### Dates for Diary

16<sup>th</sup> December – Nursey Nativity at 1.45pm all parent and carers are welcome to attend via the school entrance. There will be a raffle on the day at the cost of £1 a strip.

Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> December– Librarian will be visiting nursery to read the children a Christmas story.

Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> December – Christmas party Parents are invited back at 2pm to see their child receiving a gift from a special visitor.

### Rhymes/Songs of the Month

Nursery rhymes and songs are important for developing literacy skills such as rhyme and rhythm in language. We will be listening to and acting the rhymes out within the playroom, however, please could you continue to teach your child to sing the following rhymes at home.

#### When Santa got stuck up the chimney

When santa got stuck the chimney he  
began to shout  
"You girls and boys won't get any toys  
If you don't pull me out  
My beard is black  
There's soot in my sack  
My nose is tickling too!"  
When santa got stuck up the chimney  
A-choo, a-choo, a-choo!

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### **Jingle Bells**

Christmas eve is here  
Time to go to bed  
as we climb the stairs  
nod our sleepy head  
Take our stocking off  
Hang the in a row  
then jump quickly into to bed  
and off to sleep we go

jingle bells, jingle bells  
Jingle all the way  
Oh, what fun it is to ride  
In a one-horse open sleigh, hey  
Jingle bells, jingle bells  
Jingle all the way  
Oh, what fun it is to ride  
In a one-horse open sleigh

### **Twinkle Twinkle little Star**

Twinkle, twinkle, little star  
How I wonder what you are  
Up above the world so high  
Like a diamond in the sky

Twinkle, twinkle, little star  
How I wonder what you are