



# Honey Pot Nursery

## Spring Newsletter



### Setting the Table

NHS Health Scotland issued Nutritional guidance and food standards 'Setting the Table'. This has enabled staff to review snacks that we provide. The guidance has also given staff further opportunities to develop a clearer awareness of healthy eating. The nursery at all times ensures fruit and/or veg is provided at each snack time along with milk or water

Should you wish further information you can access this document-

<http://www.healthscotland.com/documents/21130.aspx>  
page 69-86

If you have time please feel free to take a look- there are some great ideas for 'healthy lunch boxes'



### Play @ Home

We would like to invite you to our Play @ Home sessions.

0-2's- Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> May @ 10:30am.

2-3's- Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> May @ 10:30 am

3-5's- Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> May @ 10:30am

Please feel free to come along and join in, if this is not a convenient time; you are most welcome to join us for a Stay & Play session at any time that suits you- please speak to a member of staff in your child's room.

### Dates for your Diary

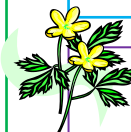
Graduation Concert (Pre-School children only)  
Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> June- time TBC

Parent Contact Evening- Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> June- 6.30pm- 8pm

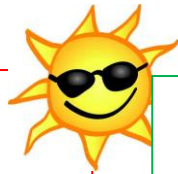


### Funding

Please note-the last day of funding will be Friday 1st July 2016. Full nursery fees will apply over the summer holidays. Funding resumes last week of August  
\*\*Reminder- the nursery requires one month's written notice when you wish to decrease sessions or relinquish your child's place\*\*



## Outdoor



To enable us to enjoy the outdoors in all weathers, please can you ensure your child has appropriate clothing with them at nursery at all times; this includes wellies, outdoor clothing and a hat just in case of a sunny day!)



*'There's no such thing as inappropriate weather, just in appropriate clothing!'*

**Please can you ensure all clothing is appropriately labelled!**

Children developing problem solving skills using loose parts... how can the dinosaur get from one pallet to the other?



## Fundraising



### 'Snowdrops for Strathcarron'

We are trying to raise money for Strathcarron House. The hospice provides end of life care and the dedicated team work tirelessly to ensure that patients and their families receive the care, love and support required at such a difficult time.

The children will be making over the coming week a special memory snowdrop picture for you with an attached 'Snowdrop Pin' for you to wear. We ask if you can make a donation in the envelope that we will be providing- please dig deep for this worthy cause.



**We would like to say a massive Thank You to all our parents who handed items in for our upcycling project and development of our 'loose parts' play.**

The cable reel added a whole new dimension to our dinosaur land...



Using our new 'loose parts' to create a slide....



Learning about risk while developing gross motor skills



We created our own obstacle course...





## Packed Lunches

Please can we remind all parents in the Tweenies and big room that lunch boxes must contain an Ice Pack. This is to ensure contents of lunch boxes are kept fresh. Ice packs can be bought from B&M, Home Bargains, Asda, Tesco for a minimal price.

Can we remind parents to label Tupperware tubs and drinks bottles.

The nursery continues to promote healthy eating and ask that chocolate and sweeties are not given in packed lunches.

We would like to create a 'healthy lunch' ideas pack that we can share with everyone and would appreciate your help!! Please email in your healthy lunch box ideas...



## Some fun in the woods....



## How we are doing



The nursery endeavours at all times to continually improve practice; through self-evaluation we are able to identify areas for Improvement. This has been a key priority for this academic year; staff have become increasingly aware of how we evaluate our practice and how we can take it forward.

We recently had our unannounced Care Inspectorate inspection, where we received very positive feedback. It was highlighted how nurturing staff are towards the children and how passionate and motivated the staff in our nursery are.

The inspector recognised and complemented the quality of experiences all three rooms provide to the children.

We are currently awaiting release of the inspection report, which we will notify you of.



A huge than you to all those who returned their annual questionnaires!

I have evaluated all questionnaires and will send out via email- please take some time to read over. The nursery values your opinion and will use all feedback to improve practice and the service we provide

Thank you all for your continued support! Lindsay & all the staff

