



Glaitness Preschool and Nursery Newsletter

Term 1

A big welcome to all families who are new to Glaitness Nursery and a welcome back to all others. We hope you have all had a lovely summer and have a happy time with us. We are beginning the year with a new nursery team a mix of familiar and new faces! Our nursery is run by both Primary Teachers who have overall responsibility for the children and Early Years Workers who work alongside the teachers providing your child with a safe, comforting environment to investigate, explore, play, learn and grow in.

Who's who?



Lee-Anne
(Primary Teacher)
Mon/Tues/Wed



Helga
(Primary Teacher)
Thurs/Fri



Vicky
(Early Years Worker)
Mon - Fri

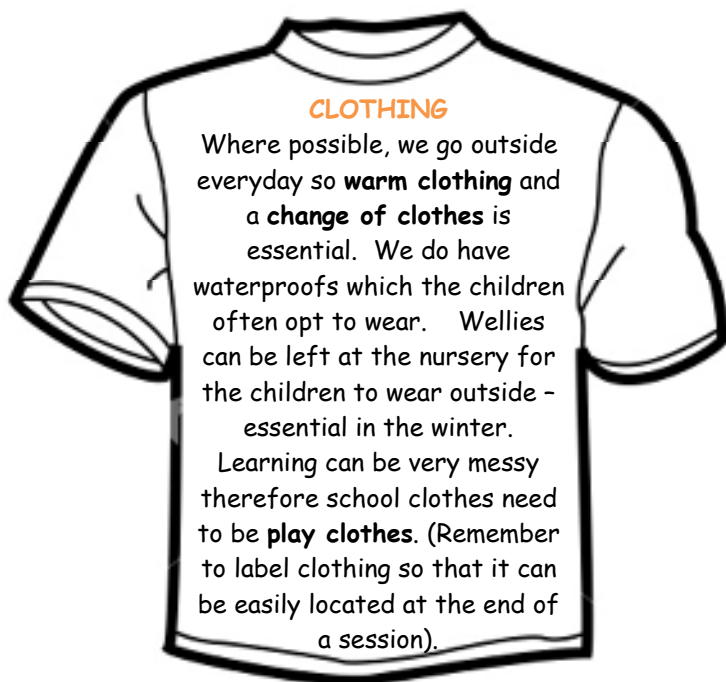


Leona
(Early Years Worker)
Mon-Fri Mornings



Pauline
(Early Years Worker)
Mon, Wed, Fri
Mornings

Freya will also be joining us throughout the term to ensure that the teachers have planning and preparation time.



What are we learning?

The nursery uses the High/Scope approach, where children are involved in planning their activities and reflecting back on them, within a carefully structured environment and routine. Children learn through play, exploration and questioning and we design our day in response to the children's interests and stage of development. We plan learning areas, resources and experiences to promote the children's development and learning across all curricular areas. The most essential aspect of nursery life for us is to get to ensure that your child will feel happy, settled and secure making the nursery feel like a home away from home.

'LOOK WHAT I CAN DO' FOLDERS

We value working closely in partnership with parents/carers and this enables us to talk with the children, linking their experiences both at home and school. Just inside the nursery, each child has their own learning folder. This is where the children keep any pictures they wish to add, their learning stories that have been completed on them, planning/review pictures and any other information about your child. Children and parents can access these folders at anytime, just let the staff know if you are taking it home as we will be regularly adding to it. You are welcome to add any comments, accounts of special days/outings, photographs to it to make it even more special to your child. We shall let you know if these have something new in them.



ROLLING SNACK

We are trialling a rolling snack this term. This means that the snack will be set out during the children's free play time and they will be able to choose when to have their snack. The children will get their own drink, fruit and biscuit and be encouraged to tidy up after themselves when they are finished. There will be a member of staff sitting with the children to ensure that the snack is shared out equally although independence will be encouraged. We feel this will give the children more time to focus on their activities and they will not be interrupted in the middle of their play, as well as encouraging more responsibility from each child.

Snack Money is now due for the term. The amounts will vary according to the number of sessions your child has signed up for:

Number of sessions per week	Total
5 days	£15.60
4 days	£12.40
3 days	£9.20
2 days	£6.00

We would appreciate the snack money being paid by cash by Friday 6th Sept.

If you would rather pay weekly, please come and speak to the school staff and we can arrange for this.



PUPIL TOYS

We know that initially your child may want to bring a comforter with them to nursery. However, if you can discourage this after a short time, we would be most grateful as it is very difficult to monitor which toy belongs to whom in our busy room.

Preschool and Nursery Hours

<u>Mornings</u>	9.15am	to	11.35am
Parent Liaison Time*	11.35 am	to	11.45am
<u>Afternoons</u>	12.45pm	to	3.05pm
Parent Liaison Time*	3.05pm	to	3.15pm

There is a 10 minute period at the drop off and pick up times each session to allow for less congestion in the cloak area and to give parents a chance to speak informally with the nursery team.

Can we ask that noise levels are kept to a minimum during morning pick up time and afternoon drop off time as the p1 - 3 can find this time very distracting whilst they are working. Thank you for helping us with this.

***Parent Liaison Time**

At the end of the daily session there will be a time to hear all about the days activities and to discuss any achievements, problems or pass on information to the Nursery Team. You may also use these 10 minutes to allow the children to walk you through the nursery to show you what they have been doing during the session.

Let's communicate!! We endeavour to share your child's discoveries, achievements, struggles and successes with you. You are always welcome to spend time in the nursery, chat to us before or after a session, phone or email us with any news, queries or concerns that you may have. If your child is to be absent, please contact the school office on **873648** to let us know as soon as possible.

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