

KingsWellies  
Nursery



# newsletter

## July 2015

We have had an extremely busy month again with LOTS going on! Our new Water Lagoon Wall is up and running and the children have been having GREAT fun building it and pouring, measuring, splashing and spilling! Minibeast hotels, log piles and a Den will be coming soon!



### Good luck to our boys and girls who will be leaving us to go to Primary 1!

We have 6 grown-up boys and girls who will be leaving us at the end of the Summer to start the next exciting chapter of their lives in P1! As a special treat, the lucky six will be able to choose whether they would like to have a 'posh' lunch at the Village Urban Resort Hotel, go for 'Afternoon Tea' at Starbucks or go for a delicious 'deli lunch' over at Fresh! Decisions! Decisions! We will really miss them and wish them all the very best wishes for their new careers in P1!

### KingsWellies Nursery Branded Clothing

I would like to know whether you would be interested in purchasing KingsWellies branded clothing for your child whilst at Nursery. This could be a colourful sweatshirt, hooded top, polo shirt or t shirt with the embroidered nursery logo. If enough people are interested, I will display a number of samples and children and parents can vote on colour and style! This will be personal choice and will not be compulsory. It could really save on your weekly washing though! Ballot papers will be outside your child's room and in the nursery reception area. Please let me know your thoughts by **Friday 7th August**.



## Staffing Update

I am delighted to announce that I have recently appointed two new Depute Managers / Lead Practitioners. Susanne Sutherland is currently working as Deputy Manager / Lead Practitioner at Craigton Lodge Nursery, Peterculter. Susanne has significant experience in running a very busy nursery and will join us on 27th July 2015.

Charlene Stevenson is the Lead Practitioner at Maisie's Children's Centre which is part of VSA and has run the nursery as the day to day Manager since its commencement in August 2011. Charlene will be joining us on 12th August 2015.

Both ladies come with a wealth of excellent experience and both come with exceptional references. Susanne will work from 7.30am until 6pm on Monday to Wednesday and Charlene will work from 7.30am until 6pm from Wednesday to Friday. I am extremely excited to welcome this new management team and can only foresee the nursery going from strength to strength. I am sure that you will join me in wishing them a very long and happy future at KingsWellies.

Leanne Watt, Stephanie Clark and Ruby Fraser are also extremely highly qualified Nursery Practitioners and will be joining us over the next few weeks. I will also be employing an Office Junior to support Kate full time in the office. Exciting and busy times ahead!



## Northsound Cash for Kids Bed Appeal

Many thanks to everyone for their very kind donations during this fun-filled week. We raised an amazing £331.76. Many thanks also to the Village Urban Resort Hotel who made our week extra-special by inviting us over for storytime, a Born To Move workout and cookies and milk! We are very proud to have raised funds for children in our local area.



## KingsWellies Policies of the Month

All of our policies are available for you to read. These can be found on our website [www.kingswelliesnursery.com](http://www.kingswelliesnursery.com) and are also in folders situated throughout the nursery. We would REALLY like your feedback on these. Many thanks to those of you who provided feedback on our Policies for June – Confidentiality Policy and Learning and Teaching Policy. I have amended these as appropriate.

This month's Policies are our '**Policy on Play**' and '**Child Protection Policy**.' These are attached to the end of this Newsletter. Please take a few minutes to read these and to give us your comments. You can also find paper copies in our reception area.

### Dates for your Diaries:

**22nd July** - First Aid Training Course For Parents (now fully booked)

**29th July** – Additional First Aid Training Course For Parents, 6pm (fully booked)

**3<sup>rd</sup> August** – Spanish lessons to commence

**4th August** – Stay and Play Day in Wellie Babies Room – parents please come in and stay and play with us anytime from 4– 6pm

**5th August** – Stay and Play Day in Wellie Tots (Toddlers) playroom – parents please come in and stay and play with us anytime from 4-6pm

**6th August** – Stay and Play Day in Wellie Beans (Pre-school) playroom – parents please come in and stay and play with us anytime from 4-6pm

**Friday 7th August** – Zumba taster sessions

**W/B 17th August** – Jo Jingles to start, Wednesday and Thursday on consecutive weeks. Parents are welcome to attend. Times to be confirmed.

**Tuesday 25th August** – AFC Training and visit from Angus The Bull!

**19<sup>th</sup> December 2015** – Nursery closed for two weeks over Christmas period

**4<sup>th</sup> January 2016** – Nursery reopens for new session

**Swimming** – please see the attached information leaflet from Swimtime who will be conducting our swimming lessons. More information including dates etc to follow shortly.

I have tried to book a variety of experiences for the children on different days of the week in order to ensure that everyone has the opportunity to participate in something new.



### Aberdeen City Council – Pre-School Funding for Session 2015/16

If your child is aged 3 years or older, you may be eligible to apply for Aberdeen City Council Pre-School Funding. If you haven't already done this, please speak to Kerry who will talk you through the process and provide you with the appropriate information / application form. If you have previously completed an application form for this term (session 2014/15) and your child will be remaining at nursery for another pre-school year, you will require to complete and submit these forms again for the new school session which starts in August 2015.

### Comments, Compliments and Concerns

Please give us your feedback, good and bad! In order to be the best that we can be, we need to know what you are thinking! Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any comments, compliments or concerns. I can promise you that these will be taken very seriously and acted on immediately!

Many thanks for your ongoing support.

