

October 2018 Newsletter

Colinton Private Nursery

Welcome to our October edition!

We would like to welcome Samantha Mitchell to the nursery. Samantha is attending CPN for a work placement from North Edinburgh Childcare. She will be with us Monday's, Wednesday's and Thursday's from 9.30am to 5.30pm. We wish Samantha well in her studies.

This month we would like to welcome Lily, Alexander, Arthur and Joseph to the nursery. We hope everyone settles well into Colinton Private Nursery.

End of day report

Just a reminder that to receive a full report of your child's day please arrive at the nursery no later than 5.50pm. This allows staff to give you all the necessary feedback you would like each evening.



Halloween – Wednesday 31st October

On Wednesday 31st October, the children are able to come to nursery wearing their Halloween costumes (please no masks as these can be very scary for some of our children). Throughout the day there will also be opportunities for the children to participate in Halloween activities.



Food Bank Donations

This year we have decided to support our local food bank. We would be grateful of donations of items cereal, soup, pasta, rice, tinned tomatoes / pasta sauce, lentils, beans and pulses, tinned meats, tinned vegetables, tea/ coffee, tinned fruits, UHT milk, fruit juices. Also there are some non-food items: toiletries (deodorant, toilet paper, shower gel etc.), household items (laundry powder, washing up liquid), baby supplies (nappies, baby wipes, baby food). We would appreciate your support with this. The plan will also be to include some of the children in a trip to our local Morrison's to donate this to the foodbank.



Little Lunches

The children are all doing exceptionally well with the change to Little Lunches. We are on the second round of the three week cycle and already we can see a noticeable change in the children's relationship with the foods on offer. Items from week 1 that did not go down too well at the beginning of the month have been more successful this time round. It does prove that children do need to experience foods a few times before they fully enjoy them.

Google Reviews

We would love to hear what you think about the nursery – please feel free to add a review on google reviews.

<https://www.google.co.uk/search?q=Colinton+Private+Nursery,+22+Dreghorn+Loan,+Edinburgh+EH13+0DE&ludocid=6103092990218721927&ibp=qwp;0,7#lrd=0x4887c6c64132af35:0x54b28abd3129da87,3>



Dates for Diaries

October 31

Halloween dressing up day

November 14

Individual Photograph Day

December 12

Christmas Party

December 18

Dress Rehearsal Preschool Nativity

December 19

Preschool Nativity

October Birthday's

We would like to wish Arlene, Hamish, Conor, Kerr, Lily, Ben, Daniel and Abigail a very happy birthday this month. We hope you all enjoy your special day.



Children in Need –Week beginning 12th November to 16th November 2018



The **0-2 room** are planning run a bake sale on **Wednesday 14th November** from 4.30pm to 6pm. Also children can wear pjamas any day this week and donate to Children in Need.

In the **toddler room** the children will participate in a sponsored disco during the afternoons of Monday to Wednesday. Sponsor forms will be available from the toddler room staff.

In the **preschool room** the children are encouraged to come to nursery in a different colour each day:

Monday – Blue/ pink

Tuesday – Yellow

Wednesday – Red

Thursday – Green

Friday – White and make a donation to Children in Need.

Also as a nursery as a whole we will have a raffle and the annual duck race. Parents are able to buy raffle tickets (£1 per strip) and a duck for (£2 a duck). If you have anything you are able to donate for our raffle this is much appreciated.

Many thanks in advance for your continued support.

Preschool Nativity

The Nativity this year will take place on Wednesday 19th December at 10am. The dress rehearsal will be on Tuesday 18th December. More details to follow.



Christmas Party

This year our Christmas Party will take place on Wednesday 12th December 2pm to 4pm. All children are invited. More details to follow.



Children's Uniforms

These are 100% optional however it may set the routine for school and also saves your child's clothes. They also provide name labels for your child's clothing.

You can order these from:

<https://www.border-embroideries.co.uk/schools/colinton-private-nursery.html>

Prices, sizes and ordering facilities are all available on the website.



Dates for Christmas and New Year 2018/2019

A couple of parents have already asked regarding our opening times over the festive period. Please see below our plans for this year:

Monday 24th December – Nursery Open – 8am to 3pm

Tuesday 25th December – NURSERY CLOSED

Wednesday 26th December – NURSERY CLOSED

Thursday 27th December - Nursery Open – 8am to 6pm

Friday 28th December - Nursery Open – 8am to 3pm

Monday 31st December - NURSERY CLOSED

Tuesday 1st January - NURSERY CLOSED

Wednesday 2nd January - NURSERY CLOSED

Thursday 3rd January – Nursery re-opens as normal.

Individual Photo day – Wednesday 14th November (PM)

Susan Hunter from She Photography will be taking individual photographs of all children on Wednesday 14th November. Susan will be using the Dregthorn Loan Hall (upstairs) this time and a member of nursery staff will take your child up from their playroom. If your child attends on a Wednesday they will automatically have their photo taken. More information regarding times will be available in our next newsletter.

