

St George's Central CE Nursery



Newsletter – Friday 28th September 2018



Questionnaire feedback – Many thanks to everyone who returned the '3 stars and a wish' questionnaire from July. These are great as not only do we like to read the positive things that you write about our nursery, but we also find that, as you view nursery from a different angle than us, you are able to provide many ideas which can help us to improve. Working together in partnership like this is a vital part of helping to ensure we are continually improving, developing and meeting the needs of your children. Please see the feedback from the questionnaires below:



Stars (the things you really like about St. George's Central CE Nursery – Lancaster Avenue)

Parental stars
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *It's smaller with less children, I feel they are getting more learning with writing. *My child really loves all the staff and enjoys coming. *My child has made a group of great friends, who will follow on to the next school year. *I like how the staff establish a strong relationship with all the children. *I like the layout of the nursery and all the different learning situations. *I think the outdoor area is fantastic.

Wishes (ways that you think we could improve St. George's Central CE Nursery – Lancaster Avenue)

Parental wish	School response
*Why has the grass not been cut for so long? Unsure why main school have theirs done but not this one?	Unfortunately for all schools in Wigan, the grass is no longer cut by the Council. Schools now have to find their own provider to do this. We are the only school in Wigan to have two nurseries. Both nurseries receive their funding through separate budgets, which can cause problems when you are paying one contractor/provider for a service. As the initial meeting with the new grounds maintenance provider took place at our school site, it was initially simply an oversight that they did not come to Lancaster Avenue. We have since emailed them to come and cut the grass at Lancaster Avenue and we have been assured that this will take place soon.
*To be able to have the option of school prepared meals rather than home-made packed lunch.	This is a great idea and one that we explored in September 2016. Unfortunately, because of the 'low numbers' at nursery (in relation to the numbers of a school), our lunch provider was unable to commit to this. If we were to provide this 'in-house' then this would mean that we would need a member of staff to be out of a room in order to prepare the food. Because of our numbers, this is something that we currently cannot commit to on a regular basis. However, there are other options we could explore and there are some ideas I have about this – I will keep you updated if I have any news.



Autumn Term

– Autumn Term is very much underway and this week, all children will have received their Autumn Term booklet which includes the targets for learning that we will be focusing on for your child. Over the coming month there are a number of things that you can look out for, and talk about, with your children during this

colourful season; changes in colours, collecting fallen leaves, conkers, different vegetables in season such as turnips, pumpkins, carrots and the different squashes there are. Our pre-school children recently made their own vegetable soup which they had for their snack!



Harvest Festival – All this week the children have been learning about Harvest Festival. They have learnt new songs, talked about what happens on a farm as well as being creative with fruit and vegetables. Pre-school children have been reading 'The Enormous Turnip' and 'Oliver's Vegetable Patch' and children in our Toddler Room have been reading 'Wow said the Owl'.



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Stay and Play – Just a reminder that our Stay and Play sessions will be taking place next week on **Monday 1st October, 1pm-3pm and Thursday 4th October, 9am-11am**. Please make sure that you have returned the slip with your preferred time and date so we know when to expect you. As well as discussing your child's general development there will also be a focus on 'Communication and Language', which is one of the areas of Early Years development. We look forward to seeing you next week.

Nursery photographs – Our official photographer will be in nursery during the morning on **Tuesday 9th October**. Children with younger brothers and sisters or children who do not usually attend on a Tuesday morning, can come into nursery at 9am to have their photographs taken. All other photographs will be taken during the morning. A letter will be sent home next week so that you can indicate your preferred choice of photos.



Spare Clothes – Thank you to everyone who has remembered to put their child's name in their uniform – this has been a great help especially as we are trying to teach the children to put their own clothes on their pegs as part of their daily routine. It would also help us if you could please provide us with some spare clothes for your child that we can keep in nursery. Again, thanks to everyone who has already done this.

Don't forget that our nursery will **close on Friday 19th October for half term and will re-open on Monday 29th October**. The next newsletter will be sent out on Friday 19th October. Have a great month.

Mr M Grogan – Headteacher

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