

# BALMORE kindergarten NEWSLETTER...August 2018



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## Online Learning Journals

Please keep up to date with your child's learning and news via our online journal system. Learning journals are updated on a weekly basis and you can arrange to discuss any matters relating to your child's learning and development with their keyworker or senior of the department. We have now introduced "Home Achievements", this allows you to upload your child's achievements to celebrate with their friends.

If you do not have access to your child's journal, you can click the link on our nursery website or please do not hesitate to speak with Kathleen.

## Festival Dates for Your Diary

- New term starts 15<sup>th</sup> August 2018
- Monster visit to the pipping centre on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> August @ 9:30am

## Staff Training this month

- Smile too (NHS) - all staff on 6<sup>th</sup> August 2018
- HGIOELCC - Kathleen on 22<sup>nd</sup> August 2018

## Summer Wear

Due to the warm weather coming, can we ask all parents to provide their child with sun cream, sun hats and appropriate outdoor footwear. Please be mindful that our outdoor areas are for our children to learn and explore using a variety of loose parts, please ensure that your child has trousers that are knee length to keep them safe. Our children will also have the opportunity to take part in the paddling pool and lots of other fun water experiences, we ask that you provide your child with spare clothing and on the particular warm days swimwear.

## CHILDREN'S APPEAL - BIG SCOTTISH BREAKFAST

We will be holding a fun breakfast morning on 5th October 2018 @ 10am to raise money for the children's appeal. You can get involved in our sponsored pancake flip, raffles, healthy breakfast, face painting, meet some famous faces and much more... We are looking to involve our local and wider community to help donate, raise money and have lots of fun.

If this is something you would like to be involved in please contact Kathleen on 01413364111 or [Kathleen@balmorekindergarten.co.uk](mailto:Kathleen@balmorekindergarten.co.uk)

### WHO WILL THIS HELP?

All fundraising raised from this event will help contribute to the 220,000 children across Scotland are living in poverty. That's 1 child in 4 who is missing out on things the rest of us take for granted- simple things like having breakfast. No breakfast means they go to school hungry, struggling to concentrate and begin to fall behind.

### Nursery Card Payments

From 1<sup>st</sup> July 2018 we will be charging a fee of 50p for debit/credit card payments. Please consider alternative modes of payment to avoid this additional charge, we accept many methods of payments, standing order and online banking are both easily set up. Fees can also be paid by cash however, please be mindful of your safety while carrying any large amounts of cash. If you wish to set up a direct payment from your bank please contact the office and we will provide the relevant bank details.

### Staff Changes

We would like to say good luck and goodbye to Shannan (senior of our duckling department) who will be leaving our Balmore team on Friday 31<sup>st</sup> August 2018. As it is a new term and to continue with staff professional development, we have decided to move some staff departments to continue the continuity for our children who are transitioning throughout our departments.

#### Duckling Department

Kay - Room senior  
Lauren - Qualified member of staff  
Megan - Trainee

#### Owl Department

Kelly - Room senior  
New - Qualified member of staff  
Lucy - Trainee

#### Monster Department

Karen - Room senior  
Natalie - Qualified  
Joseph - Trainee



## Departments

We would like to apologies again for the distruption in our departments due to the heavy rain fall. We have now refloored and refurbished both departments and all our children will be settled back into their proper departments before the new term starts.

### Balmore After School Care

After school and holiday club. Opened 52 weeks of the year. Term time and holiday contracts available. Two spacious rooms with all mod cons. Large outdoor play space complete with sports equipment. Please contact us on 0141 336 4111 for more information or to arrange a visit.

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### Our Duckling Department

This month we will be focusing on attachments and transitions as we have new babies joining our department and some of our bigger duckling will be leaving us to join the owl department. Our children will be encouraged to further develop their gross motor skills while taking part in more physical learning experiences for example taking part in various obstacle courses, soft play etc. Our children have also shown an interest in stories and different colours and will have lots of fun creating story sacks to take home to share with their family as part of our attachments.

### Our Owl Department

Recently our children have had a big interest in baking and how things cook, they have decided that their story of the month is "The disgusting sandwich". Our children will enjoy learning about healthy eating and where food comes from. Our colour of the month will be **Orange** and our children will be able to explore this colour through various learning experiences. We will create a balmore café in our role play area for our children to further develop their imagination. We have also planned for India Innes (Famous Chef) to come along and cook with our owls.

### Our Monster Department

This month our children will enjoy settling in to their newly refurbished monster department, our children are very interested in famous buildings around the world and will enjoy using various items to build these. Our colour of the month is **Orange** and our song of the month is "London bridge is falling down". Our children will also enjoy visiting the Piping centre on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> August.