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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to our Spring Curriculum Newsletter. We hope you all had a lovely Christmas and are ready for 2024! We are also very pleased to welcome some new starters to our Little Lambs Nursery too.

EYFS Unit staff

Monday-Wednesday Mrs Goldthorpe (Reception teacher and Unit Manager)

Wednesday-Friday Mrs Watkins (Reception teacher and Unit Manager)

Early Years Educators – Mrs Scott (full time and also in breakfast club)

Miss Kenny (full time)

Miss Cattermole (full time)

Mrs Mitchell (part time in mornings and also in kids club)

Miss Cole (part time in the afternoons and also in kids club and breakfast club)

Dates for your diary

Mother's Day assembly- we will be holding a special Mother's Day assembly for family members to attend on Wednesday 6th March at 2:30PM. More information to follow.

Easter- We are asking children to decorate an Easter bonnet at home and we will be having an Easter bonnet parade which family members will be welcome to attend. This will be on Thursday 21st March at 2:30PM. More information to follow.

Please note that we have swapped our "At the zoo" unit of work from Spring 2 with our "Superheroes" unit of work in Summer 1. Hopefully, this will give us good weather to take our Reception children on a school trip! Nursery will also be having some special visitors to co-incide with our "At the Zoo" topic too... watch this space.

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X (Twitter), Facebook and Instagram

We are extremely proud of our X (Twitter), Facebook and Instagram pages at Barkisland. Every day we upload pictures of the different activities that we have been doing at school on to X. Please give us a follow at @BarkiSchool and like our Facebook and Instagram pages too, then you can enjoy looking at your child's busy day!

Uniform

- Please ensure your child comes with appropriate clothes for this time of year as we love to spend lots of time outside! Even though it is now the Spring term the weather is still very cold and changeable. Your child will require a warm coat and hats, scarves, gloves and wellies. If your child has a spare pair of wellies, they could be kept in school all the time to make it easier. A spare pair of socks is also very useful in this weather (these can be kept in a small drawstring bag).
- Please provide your child with a spare change of clothes to keep in a bag on their peg (this mainly applies to Nursery but Reception children are also welcome to do this).
- Please name EVERYTHING!!!
- Please ensure your child arrives each day with their labelled water bottle.
- Please ensure your child's hair is tied up if it is long enough to do so.
- School bookbags to be used, we don't have sufficient space in school for larger bags.

PE

Reception- PE is every Thursday and your child will need to wear their PE kit on this day. A pair of navy jogging bottoms or shorts, a blue t shirt and a navy hoodie or school hoodie and a pair of trainers.

Nursery- Do not have a PE session but they do have a less formal hall session. During this time they will play some games and dance to music etc. This will help to familiarise them with going across to school and being in the hall. They do not need a PE kit for these sessions. Please note that the day of Nursery using the hall will vary.

Snacks

Children are able to bring a healthy snack to have in school. Fruit and milk is also available for the children to have on a daily basis.

Notification Board (Nursery)

Remember to read the Notification Board each day outside the Nursery door. Here you will find out about your child's day, such as the snacks they have had and what they have done in Phonics/Mathematics. We will also tell you the book that we have been reading that day as well.



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Jofli Bear (Nursery)

At some point throughout the year, your child will bring Jofli Bear home! Jofli will stay with you over the weekend and will return for the child's first session the following week. Jofli comes with a short story for you to read with your child and a journal for you to write about your weekend with Jofli! You can add some pictures to the journal if you wish. We will share your adventures with the class during carpet time.

The Reading Suitcase (Reception)

During this term, your child will appear with the red suitcase again. They will have a new book to read, hot chocolate to drink and the Barkisland bear to snuggle with. Don't forget to write a review in the book provided and tweet your picture on our Barkisland Twitter page, @barkischool.

Reading

Nursery- Your child will bring a library book home in their book bag on either a Tuesday or Thursday. Please spend some time reading this book with your child, talking about the pictures and asking questions (e.g., what do you think will happen next?). Please return this book on your child's first session of the following week.

Reception- Your child will bring home their reading books during the week, after their guided reading day.

Communication

Please can you drop your child off at the door to avoid the cloakroom becoming busy. We have staff members on hand in Nursery who can help your child, this ensures a smooth transition. No parents should be in the cloakroom.

If you have any questions, feel free to ask a member of our team. Alternatively, e-mail the school office who will answer any questions/queries or will arrange for a member of the EYFS team to contact you.

Please refer to our 3 year planning - Cycle 2 (on the school website) which shows our curriculum coverage for the Spring term.

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Many thanks, All of the EYFS team 😊