

 Cairns Primary Nursery Class – August 2018 Newsletter

Dear Parents/Carers,

Here we are again at the start of another busy year at Cairns Primary Nursery Class. Welcome back to the children who have returned for their pre-school year. The children have settled back into nursery life and are enjoying the wide variety of learning experiences within our nursery. A very warm welcome is extended to all of the children who have recently joined our nursery class. We look forward to welcoming many more new children to our nursery over the coming weeks and look forward to working closely with all our nursery children and their families throughout the school year.

**Nursery Staff** Nursery Teacher - Mrs Emma Meikle Early Years Team Leader – Mrs Michelle Burns Early Years Professionals – Mrs Ann Canning, Mrs Andrea Findlay, Miss Janice Lynch and Miss Elaine Revie

**Nursery Session Times**

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The afternoon session is from 1.00pm. At the end of the afternoon session children can be collected from 4.00pm. **All children attending the afternoon session must be collected by 4.10pm.**

**Collecting Children** Our nursery staff will get to know the parents and carers who collect children at the end of each session. Please inform us if someone other than those named on the enrolment forms will be collecting your child from nursery.

**![C:\Documents and Settings\tremblei10\Local Settings\Temporary Internet Files\Content.IE5\RU0693DQ\MC900051002[1].wmf]()Snack** The children enjoy a wide variety of healthy snacks at nursery. Daily snack choices are displayed outside the playroom. In line with other nurseries in South Lanarkshire Council, we ask for a £2.50 donation to cover the cost of providing this snack. This is usually collected on a Monday and can be paid to a member of our nursery staff. If you wish you can pay in advance, please speak to Mrs Burns. We thank you for your continued support of our healthy eating programme.

**Clothing in Nursery** We encourage children to wear a uniform to nursery. Our uniform at Cairns is a red polo shirt and sweatshirt, each with our nursery logo. These look very smart and prepare your child for wearing uniform when they start Primary School. Nursery activities are fun but can be messy! Wearing a uniform avoids damaging your child’s good clothes. Uniforms are available to purchase in nursery in various sizes. Polo shirts cost £5.50 and sweatshirts £8.00.

Your child will need a pair of soft shoes to wear inside the playroom. The most suitable shoes have velcro fastenings as these encourage children to be independent when changing footwear.

![C:\Documents and Settings\tremblei10\Local Settings\Temporary Internet Files\Content.IE5\KR1SAZI6\MC900293276[1].wmf]()Each day our children spend some time in our outdoors play area. Here they engage in many outdoor learning experiences and enjoy taking part in energetic, physical play. This is an essential part of the nursery session. Please ensure that your child comes to nursery wearing appropriate clothing to allow them to participate in outdoor learning sessions. Even on sunny days please ensure that your child brings a waterproof jacket to nursery to enable them to join in outdoor activities, whatever the weather!

**![C:\Users\tremblei10\Local Settings\Temporary Internet Files\Content.IE5\QPFSPEXZ\MC900431507[1].png]()Illness and Absence** If your child is ill and unable to attend nursery please telephone the school office prior to the start of the session. If we do not hear from you we will contact you. Please ensure that you keep us informed of any changes to your contact details such as mobile numbers, address etc. It is also important that the phone numbers given to us for use in an emergency, accept incoming calls.

**Birthday Cake Policy** Many of our nursery parents/carers hand in a birthday cake on their child’s birthday to be shared out among the children at snack time. Several of our nursery children have food allergies and intolerances to ingredients such as nuts, eggs and dairy products. In light of this we have had to review our policy on birthday cakes in nursery. In order to ensure the safety of all of our children we will be unable to continue to allow the children to eat birthday cake during snack time. We will continue to celebrate your child’s birthday in nursery and make them feel special on their very important day. We thank you in advance for your support with these changes.

**Nursery Garden**

Our nursery garden is located at the main nursery entrance. Before the summer break children spent a lot of time deciding on a layout for the garden, selecting and planting seeds and bulbs and then looking after the area. We ask our parents and carers when arriving and leaving nursery to be mindful of equipment in this space as some plant pots and ornaments have been damaged or broken.

**Comments and Suggestions** At Cairns Nursery Class we are always happy to answer any questions or listen to any comments or suggestions you may have. Please feel free to speak to a member of our nursery staff or arrange to speak to a member of the senior management team. Alternatively you can post a suggestion in our Suggestion Box in the nursery Welcome Area.

We have lots of exciting learning experiences and events planned for this session and look forward to working in partnership with our nursery children and their families.

Yours sincerely,

Emma Meikle Nursery Teacher and The Nursery Team