**Cairns Nursery Class NewsletterJanuary 2020**



Dear Parents/Carers,

Happy New Year! This term we are off to a busy start with new children joining us and making plans for the next two terms. We would like to extend a warm welcome to our new children and families, the children are settling in well to Nursery life and are having fun making friends.

Dates for the Diary

* Monday 13th-Friday 17th January – Primary 1 Enrolment
* Friday 24th January – Burns Day
* Monday 27th January – Chinese New Year
* Friday 24th January – Personal Learning Plans sent home, to be returned on Monday 27th January.
* Monday 27th January – Thursday 6th February – Stay and Play sessions (see specific group dates below)
* Friday 7th February – In-service day (school closed)
* Monday 10th February & Tuesday 11th February – February holiday (closed)
* Wednesday 12th February – In-service (school closed)
* Tuesday 25th February – Pancake Day
* Week beginning Monday 23rd March – Parents Meetings

**Our Learning**

Our focus for learning is Numbers. The children are always keen to take part in number games and use counting whenever they can. We thought this term we would look at curricular focusses which will change regularly depending on children’s interest and what they want to learn. The children will be looking at numbers to 10 and beyond, sequencing numbers, number recognition and quantity amongst other things.

The new layout of the room has encouraged children to take on a lead role in their play and they have been able to access a bigger variety of resources. If there is anything you would like to share with the children, please share with a member of staff. Keep an eye on our learning board for weekly updates on what the children are learning in nursery.

[](http://www.google.co.uk/url?sa=i&rct=j&q=&esrc=s&source=images&cd=&cad=rja&uact=8&ved=&url=http://clipart-library.com/learning-cliparts.html&psig=AOvVaw2QuOcsE7jpTKs5F0JDgJGW&ust=1549456833991021)



Our Stay and Play sessions will start at the end of January and run into February. These will be focussed on loose parts. Morning sessions will be between 8.45am and 9.45am and Afternoon sessions between 1pm-2pm.

* Tuesday 28th January – Blue group
* Wednesday 29th January – Green Group
* Friday 31st January – Purple Group
* Tuesday 4th February – Red Group
* Wednesday 5th February – Yellow Group

**Emergency Contact Numbers**

Please remember to update us if your contact details change, as we need to be able to contact parents/carers in case of emergency. If you have a new mobile number, please ensure that this is passed on to staff.

**Nursery Noticeboard and events** Please keep an eye on the noticeboard during the session to make sure you keep up to date with all of the activities and events we have planned for our nursery children this term.

**Upcoming events**

* **Friday 24th January** – Burns Day. Children are encouraged to wear tartan and we will be trying a Burns Supper. We will be learning some Scots songs and poems.
* **Monday 27th January –** Chinese New Year. We will be finding out all about Chinese New Year traditions, taking part crafts and for snack we will have a Chinese buffet.
* **Tuesday 25th January –** Pancake Tuesday. We will be making and trying pancakes.

**Nursery session times**

* Morning session 8.45am – 11.55am
* Afternoon Session 1.00pm- 4.10pm

Recently there have been a number of occasions where parents have been late to pick up their children. This effects staff lunches and when they can finish at the end of the day. We understand that things can happen unexpectedly and there may be times you are running late, but if you could phone to let the nursery know this would be appreciated.

**Groups and Staffing**

As you know Ms Lynch retired just after Christmas and there has been a few changes to staff and groups. Below is a list of the groups and their keyworker.

Red Group – Miss McMenemy

Green Group – Miss Revie

Blue Group – Mrs Canning

Yellow Group – Mrs Hutcheson

Purple Group – Miss McAteer & Miss McDougall

**Update**

Keep an eye on our wall displays to find out about your child’s progress, our nursery planning and new concepts being introduced in our nursery class…

* **Uniforms –** we have sourced new nursery uniforms that can be ordered online. Please see Mrs Burns for details, Mrs Burns does have some in stock in the Nursery, if you would like to purchase directly from her.
* Allergies – Please inform Mrs Burns of an allergies your child may have as this has to be shared with all staff preparing snack.

**Parent Pay** [](https://www.bing.com/images/search?view=detailV2&ccid=CHfboU4W&id=6A2BADF6F6C4CDF09EE9143D7C42220D170517FE&thid=OIP.CHfboU4WlYY1LAUFRBLJpQHaEy&mediaurl=https://www.chhs.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/parentpay-logo-800.png&exph=517&expw=800&q=parent+pay&simid=608027408103834141&selectedIndex=0&adlt=strict)

Our Parent Pay system is up and running and all snack money should be paid through our Parent Pay system. If you are having any problems with this, snack money can be paid directly to the Nursery via Mrs Burns until it is set up.

**Nursery Absence**

If your child is off nursery please call the school on 0141 641 2218 to report your child’s absence. Absences from nursery are recorded and followed up. When calling if you choose Option 3 you can speak directly to a member of the Nursery staff or will be able to leave a message. We kindly ask you to phone to make staff aware of any changes to who is picking up your child from nursery. Our Nursery staff have their lunch break between 12 noon and 1.00pm, and will therefore be unavailable to answer phone calls at this time.