

**Cairns Nursery Class Newsletter**

Dear Parents/Carers,

It has been a busy start to the new term in our Nursery Class. We would like to extend a very warm welcome to all of the children who have recently joined our nursery class. The children have settled into nursery life well and are enjoying having fun with their new friends! We look forward to working closely with our new children and their families.

Dates for the Diary

* Monday 11th and Tuesday 12th February – February Holiday
* Wednesday 14th February – In Service Day, School & Nursery closed to pupils
* Tuesday 19th February – Eco Committee meeting. There will be a morning meeting at 9.30am and an afternoon meeting at 1.30pm. Please feel free to come along.
* Monday 4th- 8th March – Literacy week
* Thursday 7th March – World Book day.
* April (Date TBC) – Trip to Whitelees Windfarm

**ECO UPDATE** 

Miss Revie and the nursery boys and girls have been working hard on our ECO mission. They have made an ECO mascot from recycled materials and during these cold winter days have been making bird feeders to make sure the birds are well fed. They have also been bird spotting and naming different types of birds. To help recycle, we have set up deposit boxes for used batteries and ink cartridges. If you have any of these items at home then bring them along and pop them in the boxes provided.

There will be an ECO committee meeting on Tuesday the 19th February, 9.30 am for morning children and 1.30pm for afternoon children. Please feel free to come along to share ideas and find out our next steps.

**Our Learning**

Our focus for learning is all about communication. The children have already started exploring different ways in which we use communication and we are looking forward to seeing where their interests will take us on our learning journey. We have been using the communication cards, which are working well, and we have a parent coming into nursery to share Makaton signs with the children. If there is anything you would like to share with the children, or anything you think should be included in their learning please share with a member of staff.

Keep an eye on our ‘Learning Journey’ wall to find out about all our great learning.



**Snack Money**

As you know, we ask for £2.50 per child, every week to help with the cost of providing a healthy snack for your child at nursery. This money also helps to subsidise all nursery trips and activities. We are grateful of your continued support.

Personal Learning Plans (PLPs)

We look forward to sharing the children’s learning with you. PLPs will be sent home on the following dates.

* Friday 1st March (Pre-Schoolers only) to be returned on Friday 8th March.
* Thursday 18th April (All Nursery children) to be returned Friday 26th April.
* Thursday 6th June (All Nursery children) to be returned Friday 7th June.

**Outdoor Learning**

In the coming weeks, we will be using our outdoor area more often. As the weather can be very cold, could we ask that you send children to Nursery with a warm jacket or layers and appropriate shoes. We want to make the most of our outdoor area while ensuring the health and safety of the children.

 

**Little reminder**

Just a little reminder (if possible) could children have indoor shoes for nursery that they can change into when they arrive. This helps to keep our playroom clean.

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

**Stay and Play Sessions**

Stay and Play sessions give all parents and carers the opportunity to come and spend time with their child in the playroom. You are able to join in with the nursery routine and share in their learning. Occasionally we have workshops planned during this time.

Keep an eye on our notice board for upcoming stay and play sessions.

**Thank you**

I would like to take this opportunity to thank parents and children for making me feel so welcome in my new role as Nursery teacher. I am enjoying working with the children and the great team within the nursery. I am looking forward getting to know you better and working together to benefit the children.

Miss McMenemy

**Feedback and Suggestions**

As always your feedback and suggestions for the Nursery are very much appreciated. If there are things you would like to see in our Nursery or anything you would like to share please speak to a member of staff or put your thoughts in writing for the suggestion box.

**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 Absence**

 If your child is off nursery please call the school on 0141 641 2218 to report your child’s absence. 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.