

**Cairns Nursery Class Newsletter**

**October 2019**

Dear Parents/Carers,

We have had a very busy and successful first term back at nursery! In the coming weeks and months, nursery life will continue to be extremely exciting with lots of engaging learning experiences planned for the children. Our learning is well underway and the children are asking great questions during their learning experiences. We have been focussing on our observations of the children and using this to progress their skills and abilities in targeted areas. If you have any suggestions or questions about the children’s learning please feel free to share with a member of staff. Thank you to all who attended our Open Evening. It was great to meet all of the parents and share what we do in Nursery on a daily basis.

**Dates for the Diary**

* Monday 14th October – Friday 18th October 2019 (October week)
* Week beginning 21st October – Stay and Play sessions will be held over 2 weeks.
* Thursday 30th October – Halloween Party
* Friday 1st November – Personal Learning Plans out to parents/carers
* Week beginning 4th November – Parents’ Meetings
* Thursday 28th November – Book Sale
* Thursday 28th November – Christmas Fayre 4pm

**Our Learning- Update**

The children have been enjoying learning all about the ‘People Who Help Us.’ We have had visits from a Firefighter, Postal Workers and an Occupational Therapist. The children always love when people come to visit them and had lots of great questions for our special visitors. We have been taking part in lots of role-play activities in the Dentist and Doctor’s Surgery and in our nursery shop. Our learning focus is ending and the children will be working on reviewing what they have learned. We will be watching the children in their play to see where their great imaginations and ideas take our learning next term.

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**We will be having a spooktacular Halloween Party for the Children on Thursday 31st of October.**

**Children can attend nursery in their Halloween costume and there will be many spooky fun activities, creepy music and fangtastic snacks!**

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We would like to invite parents along to experience a ‘Day at Nursery’ with their children.

Stay and Play sessions are being organised in October/ November. Sessions will start w/beginning 21st October.

* 22nd Oct – Green Group
* 23rd Oct – Blue Group
* 28th Oct – Purple Group
* 29th Oct – Orange Group
* 30th Oct – Yellow Group
* 1st Nov – Red Group

Morning sessions – from 9am onwards

Afternoon session – from 1.15pm onwards

**Safety First **

Just a reminder that the doors in Nursery should only be opened and closed by an adult. **Adults** should only press the release button that opens the outside door. This is for the safety of the children and we do not want to encourage children to be opening doors where their safety could be put at risk.

**Nursery Noticeboard** 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.

**Uniform**

We have a new supplier for our nursery uniforms. It will be a few weeks before it is up and running but if you would like to place an order please speak to a member of staff.



**Nursery Admin Updates**

If your child is off nursery, please call the school on 0141 641 2218 to report your child’s absence. When calling, choose Option 3 and 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 12.10pm and 1.00pm, and will therefore be unavailable to answer phone calls during this time.

Please make us aware of changes to addresses or telephone numbers or any medications your child may be on as we want to make sure that your child’s care plan is updated.

 **Outdoor Clothing**  

The weather is becoming colder and we always have the chance of rain living in Scotland, so please ensure children have a waterproof and warm jacket so that we always have the option of heading outdoors and making the most of our space.

**Personal Learning Plans (PLPs)**

We look forward to sharing the children’s learning with you. PLPs will be sent home for parents to look through and comment on your child’s progress.

The PLPs will be sent out on Friday 1st November and should be returned Monday 4th November.

The PLPs contain a lot of the children’s progress and it is important that they are returned on time so staff can continue to document the children’s progress.

**Parent Pay** 

Our Parent Pay system is up and running and all snack money, trips etc, should be paid through our Parent Pay system. If you are having any problems with this please speak to Mrs Burns.