Cairns Primary Nursery Class – November and December

Newsletter 2018



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. We would like to take this opportunity to inform you of important events that will be taking place in term 2. If you have any concerns regarding your child’s wellbeing or learning, please do not hesitate to contact a member of the nursery staff.

**Important Diary Dates**

**w/b Monday 6th vember** – Parent/carer meetings

**Tuesday 6th November –** Stay and Play Session Blue Group.

**w/b Monday 12th November** – Parent/Carer Meetings

**Tuesday 13th November** – Stay and Play Session Yellow Group

**Thursday 15th November** – Stay and Play Session Yellow Group.

**Friday 16th November –** Parent Council Meetings

**w/b Monday 19th November** – Parent/Carer Meetings

**Monday 19th November** – Nursery closed for in-service day

**Thursday 22nd November –** Personal Learning Plan Information Sessions

**Thursday 29th November at 4pm** – Christmas Fayre

**Friday 30th November** – St Andrews Day

**Thursday 6th December 2pm –** Nativity performance for afternoon class

**Friday 7th December 10am –** Nativity performance for morning class

**Friday 14th December –** Nursery Party – all children should attend the morning session.

**Tuesday 18th December –**Trip to Burnbank Community Hall for afternoon class

**Thursday 20th December -** Trip Burnbank Community Hall for morning class

**Friday 21st December – Nursery closes at 2.30pm.**

*Please continue to check the nursery noticeboard for event times and updates there may be other events added as our focus for learning progresses.*

**Nursery Learning Focus Update**

Thank you for completing the Learning Focus Information Sheet. Your ideas and suggestions are always appreciated and staff use them to plan high quality experiences for the children. Our topic, ‘On The Farm’ has been extremely successful. We have been learning about all the animals that live on the farm and we enjoyed our visit to the Museum of Rural life. Through observations, staff have identified ‘Autumn’ as our new focus for learning. We hope to take the children on trips to the local community to observe and discuss the changes in the environment. Keep a look out on ‘Our Learning Journey’ display for updates.

**Stay and Play Sessions**

Stay and Play sessions give all parents and carers the opportunity to come and spend time with their child. Stay and Play sessions planned during the next few months will be based in the playroom with an Eco and recycling theme. Parents and carers will also have the opportunity to take part in their child’s favourite activities and experiences.

**Eco Nursery**

Miss Revie has been very busy and working hard in her role as our Eco co-ordinator to establish a Cairns Nursery Eco Committee. By engaging in ‘pupil voice discussions’ the children have been at the heart of their learning and are identifying stimulating and engaging learning experiences to develop their knowledge and understanding of key themes such as recycling. The children have been singing our Eco song and taking part in lots of recycling activities. We are recycling the ink cartilages from the nursery printer and have been making regular trips to the post box to send them to local businesses.

**Parent/carer Progress Meetings**

We will be having our parent/ carer progress meetings weeks beginning **5th, 12th and 19th** **November**. Sheets are available in the nursery foyer area for you to select a suitable time to discuss your child’s progress with their keyworker. If any of the times are unsuitable, please do not hesitate to inform the nursery team and we will be more than happy to arrange an alternative date and time.

**Nursery Parent Council Meeting**

All parents and carers are invited along to have a coffee and discuss up and coming events and share ideas. The next meeting will be held on **Friday 16th November at 9.15am** for those parents/carers who have children that attend nursery in the morning and **1.15pm** for those who attend afternoon sessions.

**Personal Learning Plans**

During your child’s time in nursery, they will take part in many exciting and new challenges. There will be opportunities for them to learn and develop their skills across the curriculum. Parents, carers and family members are by far the most important influences on children’s lives. You can make a difference to your child’s learning by talking to them about what they have been learning, discussing the progress they have made and helping them to set realistic goals for what they would like to achieve next.

Cairns Nursery Class are in the process of devising a new Personal Learning Plan which would cover the above aspects. We would like to invite you to an information session on Thursday 22nd November at 6.30pm to share important information on the document and answer any questions you may have.

**St Andrew’s Day**

We will be holding a St Andrew’s Day celebration on **Friday** **30th November** during both the morning and afternoon nursery sessions. If the children wish to they can attend nursery on this day wearing something tartan. We will be singing traditional Scottish songs and tasting traditional Scottish foods as part of our celebration.

**Christmas Fair**

Our annual Cairns Christmas Fair will be held on **Thursday 29th November** from 4pm to 6pm. There will be stalls selling Christmas goods, raffles, tombola, prizes and gifts galore! One of the most popular attractions is Santa’s Grotto. Children who visit Santa in his grotto will have a photo taken with Santa and receive a gift. At our nursery stall we will be selling Christmas confectionary and ‘Snowman Soup’ which will make lovely Christmas gifts and will also help to raise funds for nursery. Our enterprising nursery children will be working with parent volunteers to create products to sell on our stall.

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This year all of the children in the nursery will perform in a show called ‘Happy Birthday Jesus’. The nursery nativities will be held on Thursday 6th December at 2pm for our afternoon class and Friday 7th December at 10am for our morning class.

  We are able to allocate 3 tickets for each child in nursery. Tickets cost £2.00 for adults and £1.00 for children and concessions. Tickets will be available to purchase soon.

**Nursery Christmas Party**

Our nursery Christmas Party will be held onFriday 14th of December. To create a real party atmosphere, we would like to bring all of our nursery children together for the party. **Therefore on the day of the party all children should attend the morning nursery session. There will be no afternoon session on this day.**

**Christmas Trip**

For a special festive treat for the children we have organised an outing to Burnbank Community Hall on **Tuesday 18th and Thursday 20th December**. During the visit the children will participate in a Christmas Crafts workshop with Santa’s Elves. The children will create a Christmas gift to bring home from the trip. The cost of this outing will be £5.00. You will receive a letter with more information about the trip.

![C:\Documents and Settings\tremblei10\Local Settings\Temporary Internet Files\Content.IE5\BMH2DB9G\MC900433857[1].png]()**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.

**Nursery Noticeboard**

Please keep an eye on the noticeboard to make sure you keep up to date with all of the activities and events we have planned for our nursery children this term. There may be events and visits planned at short notice due to staff being responsive to children’s interests or events going on in the school.

Thank you for your continued support,

**Mr M Hughes Depute Head Teacher**