

**Cairns Nursery Class Newsletter**

Dear Parents/Carers, **MARCH 2019**

We have been very busy since our last newsletter. Our focus for learning has led us to investigate many different ways we communicate with one another and the wider world. We have had an ECO meeting and have points of actions to help our nursery and the environment. There are also important

dates for your diary as there are lots of exciting things happening in Nursery over the

coming months.

Dates for the Diary

* Monday 4th- 8th March – Literacy week
* Tuesday 5th March – Pancake Day
* Thursday 7th March – World Book day. The Nursery will be visited by the librarian in the morning, and the afternoon children will visit the library. We would appreciate parent volunteers for the afternoon
* Thursday 7th March – dress up as your favourite book character and bring your favourite story to Nursery.
* Tuesday 12th March – Green Group Stay and Play
* Thursday 14th March – Blue Group Stay and Play
* Friday 15th March – Red Nose Day (Information to follow)
* Thursday 21st March – Red Group Stay and Play
* Tuesday 26th March – Yellow Group Stay and Play
* Monday 25th March – Daffodil Tea (information to follow)
* School closes on 29th March at 2.30pm and will Re-open Monday 15th April – Spring Break
* Friday 19th April – Good Friday (Public Holiday- School Closed)
* Monday 22nd April – Easter Monday (Public Holiday- School Closed)
* Wednesday 17th April – Photographer in to take Nursery Photographs
* Monday 6th May- May Day (Public Holiday- School Closed)
* Tuesday 7th May – In-Service Day (School Closed)
* Monday 20th-23rd May – Health Week
* Friday 24thMay and Monday 26th May – Public Holiday (School Closed)
* Thursday 30th May – Graduation (Afternoon session)
* Friday 31st May – Graduation (Morning session)

**Our Learning- Update**

The children have been enjoying exploring ways to communicate. We went a walk to the post-box to send letters, on our way we spotted many road signs and we have been learning all about non-verbal communication. We have been learning about letter sounds and identifying them in our names and signs in our nursery. We have been discussing how we feel and identifying what makes us happy and sad. 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. Our Learning Journey display is looking busy, please have a look and share with your children. We are excited about the next few weeks, as there is lots more still to learn.

**Stay and Play sessions**

In the coming weeks, there will be Stay and Play sessions. These will have an ECO focus and there will be activities inside the playroom and in our outdoor area. Just as we would advise for the children, you may want to make sure you have clothing for all weather conditions. We will be planting outside and there will be ECO focussed learning experiences inside.

**ECO UPDATE** 

**Our ECO meeting was very productive and we have actions points to take our learning forward and help our Nursery and local environment.**

**Action Points**

* **We will plant flowers in our outside area to observe how they grow.**
* **We will plant and grow potatoes, carrots and tomatoes and use them to cook.**
* **We will do a litter pick to help our school and local environment.**
* **We will contact local food sellers to try and start a Fair Share initiative in our Nursery.**

**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.

**Literacy Week and World Book Day.**

**Monday 4th- 8th March**

During Literacy week we have lots of different things planned. There is a story workshop planned for children, to explore stories using drama and music. The librarian will be visiting and we will be visiting the library. **We are looking for Parent helpers to walk to the Library on Thursday (7th March) for the afternoon session. If you are free to come along can you let a member of staff know.**

On Thursday 7th March it would be great if the children could dress up as their favourite book character and bring their favourite story book to Nursery to share with their friends.

**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.

**Photographs**

**Instant images will be coming to the Nursery on Wednesday the 17th April. All children will be taken by a member of staff (unless informed otherwise) during the nursery sessions. If you would like a family photograph, then please make an appointment at the beginning or end of the session. A sheet will be placed in the foyer week beginning Monday 4th March.**

**On the sheet please write down your child’s name and who else will be photographed.**

**Please be aware that these appointments may take a bit longer than usual.**

