



Carlibar Family Centre News

SEPTEMBER 2014

Falling into autumn fun at Carlibar

Dear Parents,

Welcome to a new session at Carlibar Family Centre. It was wonderful to see all the children returning to us for their pre-school year. A warm welcome to all the children starting or continuing their nursery education with us.

I hope that our new session times of three hours 10 minutes are now bedded in nicely. Hopefully this will make the mornings less hectic for morning placements, as parents can drop off at nursery at 8.35am and still get older siblings to school in time for the 9am bell. We were also hoping that the time change will mean that there may be less congestion in the car park.

We welcome two new members of staff to our permanent team - Mrs Duffy and Mrs Feeney.

Thank you for continuing to park pushchairs outside the main entrance. It makes such a difference keeping that area free and clear which minimises any health and safety risks. I am sure that this session will be another year of success for Carlibar. Thank you for your on-going support.

Kind regards,
Stephanie McIntyre
Head Teacher

GROUPS

Room 1- Mrs Emma Hanlon - Principal Teacher

Green - Mrs Sandra Stevenson - CDO

Orange - Mrs Dianne Reilly - CDO

Purple - Mrs Sharon Politi/Mrs June Feeney - CDO

Room 2- Mrs Grace Wilson - Teacher and Mrs Caroline McMurdo - Depute Head

Red - Mrs Rhona MacRae - CDO

Pink - Miss Louise Wright - Senior CDO

Yellow - Miss Janice Duffy - CDO

Room 3 – Miss Mary MacInnes -Teacher and Mrs Louisa Quick - Depute Head

Blue - Mrs Alison Hughes - CDO

Silver - Mrs Lissa Duffy - CDO

White - Mrs Liz Shearer - Senior CDO

** CDO (Child Development Officer)

Parental Survey

Are you the parent of a child aged 2-12 years?

We want to hear from you!

Have your say by taking part in the International Parenting Survey - UK.

The International Parenting Survey-UK has been designed to get input from parents just like you. By completing the survey, you will help organisations in your local community design support to meet your needs.

The survey will ask you questions about your child's behaviour, your confidence in responding to problems your child experiences, and how you manage your child's behaviour.

The survey will also ask you what support you want in your important role as a parent and how you would like to get this support. To complete the survey, go to:

<http://www.gcu.ac.uk/ipsuk/>

Family Centre Daily Routine

Please find information with regards to the day to day routine of the family centre. There may be repetition for the returning parents following the transition meeting in June

The session times for nursery are
8.35am-11.45am and 12.20pm-3.30pm.

If you require to collect your child before the end of the session please come to the main school office where a member of staff will escort you to the family centre.

If your child is not able to attend nursery, please may we remind you to telephone and let the staff in the office know.

If we do not hear from you we will phone you. This is in line with our child protection policy.

Website

The Family Centre website is part of the school website.

We are continually adding and developing this, so it is still a work in progress, however we intend to use it as one of the main tools of communication as per parents' requests. Information which is currently available on the site:

Planning for learning
Woodland adventure rota
Outdoor learning rota
Dates for your diary
Parent groups

See more on the website here -

<https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/er/CarlibarFamilyCentre/>

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Toy Fund Contribution

Mrs Shankland will collect the £2 contribution at the start of each session on a Monday or, it can be paid monthly or termly. The money collected is used directly to enhance children's learning experiences and we would appreciate your continued support.

Learning Outdoors

As the children have the opportunity for outdoor learning each day, could each child please bring a named pair of wellies which will remain in nursery.

Safety and Comfort

Children should change into their indoor shoes every day as we use all areas of the school some in which outdoor shoes are not suitable. Children are encouraged to build on their independence skills therefore could laces please be avoided unless your child is able to tie them by themselves.

Personal property

Children should have their named nursery bag with them every day with a full change of clothing. Please ensure all of the children's belongings are taken home each day.

Collecting your child

Please encourage children to remain seated with their group until the key worker has dismissed them into your care. If you require to speak to a member of staff (other than to pass over a quick message) please speak to a teacher or depute which allows the key workers to focus on the children at the beginning and end of each session.

Health and Safety

Can we please remind all parents that if your child has had sickness or diarrhoea they should not return to nursery until they have had no symptoms for 48 hours. This way we can try to minimise the spread of tummy bugs. We will also be encouraging all children to wash their hands properly throughout their time at nursery.

Following a Health & Safety audit we have been advised that prams/buggies should remain out with the building. If there was a fire alarm whilst parents are in the family centre they would be required to exit into the playground leaving the prams/buggies (and children in them!) unattended. Also the foyer area is an emergency exit for the school and has to remain clear at all times. We appreciate your understanding in this matter.

Parents as partners in Learning

We are really keen for parents/carers to be fully involved in the life of the family centre and the children's learning. Planning is displayed in each room, please familiarise yourself with the current skills the children are learning and feel free to contribute ideas and comments, post-it pads provided.

As the term progresses the Learning Walls will develop and show the story of the children's development of skills and knowledge.

An important skill for children to acquire is the ability to talk about their learning and how they have progressed, so we would encourage you to be part of this - for example through daily discussions, asking your child to show and talk to you about the Learning walls and reviewing the learning profiles.

If your child shows an interest in a particular learning experience and follows this up at home we would be delighted to add drawings, photos, writing and comments to the Learning Walls.

We also have the "News Wall" where we celebrate achievements your child may have from their life outside nursery.

This could include swimming, football, or dancing achievements, riding a bike independently, family visits, successful gardening, pets, new babies etc. Photographs, drawings, newspaper articles or just a short written piece of information would be appreciated.

Further opportunities to be involved include:

The parents' support group on Tuesdays from 12.20pm. Come along to the parents' room for a coffee and chat to find out more.

Join the Carlibar Creators on Thursdays from 12.20pm (adults only)

Bookbug stories and rhymes every Friday morning from 9.10am - 9.50am.

The Parent council (for the school campus) who meet once a month on a Wednesday at 1.30pm.

The Cooking Club which still has some spaces left for session two in October.

Fundraising committee for the Family Centre.

Please speak to Mrs Louisa Quick for further information on any of the above.

FAMILY CENTRE DIARY

Thursday 18th September - School closed - used as a polling station

Friday 26th September - School closed - September Weekend holiday

Monday 29th September - School closed - September Weekend holiday

Wednesday 1st October - Parent Council Meeting - 1.30pm

Friday 10th October - School Closed - In-Service day

Monday 13th - Friday 17th - October Week holiday

LET US KNOW...



If you have any suggestions, complaints or particularly liked anything your child has been learning about at Carlibar, please let us know.

Alternatively, you could email us at schoolmail@carlibar.e-renfrew.sch.uk

If you would like to receive the newsletter by email, could you complete your email address and return this to us, or, e-mail the school.

Your child's name: _____ Class _____

Contact email: _____