



Cart Mill Family Centre Newsletter December 2019

Children's Learning

There is a Christmas feel all over the centre with regard to the children's learning this month and why wouldn't there be! We are counting down to Christmas, baking Christmas treats, cooking outdoors and of course singing our favourite Christmas songs.



Thank you for your kind donations to the Foodbank Appeal this year we hope to help as many families as we can who are struggling financially this Christmas. We will continue to accept donations up until **Monday 9th December** so please give a little something if you can.

Deferred School Entry

If any parent is considering not sending their child to school in August 2020 due to their January or February birthday please speak to myself, Sharon McKenna, by **Monday 16th December**.



Primary 1 Registration 2020

For 2020 Primary 1 school applications are made online and the online form is now live at <https://www.eastrenfrewshire.gov.uk/applyfor1>

Further information, including the Council's School Admissions Policy and a list of the documentation you will be required to provide in support of your application, is also available on the council's website.

OXFAM – Real Gifts

I have been overwhelmed at the generosity of you all both in giving to our Foodbank appeal and in the gifts you gave to staff over the past few years. This year again I would like to ask you, if you wouldn't mind, donating to our charity, Oxfam, instead of purchasing gifts for "all staff". I am in no way saying that you cannot buy your child's key worker or "all staff" a gift if that is what you would like to do, I am merely asking that you think about it and perhaps instead of buying an "all staff" gift you make a small donation to Oxfam through Parent Pay. The option to donate on Parent



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Pay is now open and will be open until Sunday 15th December. The children will then be able to choose the real gifts for people in other countries who need our help during w/b 16th December.

I hope that I have not offended anyone as it is genuinely not my intention to. You can find out more about Oxfam's Unwrapped Gifts at <https://www.oxfam.org.uk/shop/oxfam-unwrapped>

Children's Christmas Concerts – Thursday 12th December at 11.30 & 2.30 Williamwood High School



The children have begun practising their Christmas songs and are looking forward to performing them for you. We would like the children to wear something festive on the day for example; Tinsel, Santa hat or Rudolph ears if this is possible. Any children who do not attend on a Thursday and want to come along are very welcome. We would like to invite parents and family members to come along to **Williamwood High School** at 11.10 and 2.10 and join us for a hot drink and a mince pie before the concert.

Wear your Christmas Jumper Day Friday 13th December

It's a day for wearing your fun festive jumper and donating £1 which we will send off to Save the Children. You can also pay £1 on Parent Pay.



Clydebuilt Puppets present "Rapunzel" - Tuesday 17th December

The puppet show is **open to all children to attend**. If your child does not normally attend our centre on a Tuesday then they may come in from **9.45 – 11.00 to see the morning performance or 1.30 – 2.45 to see the afternoon show**.

Please wear your Pyjamas for the puppet show so we can all be comfy and cosy for the show.

Santa's Surprise Visit

As we offer a flexible service to parents and children we have very varied patterns of attendance and so it is impossible to choose a day when all children are present.

This year Santa has told us that he will come and surprise us on a day when he is in Clarkston and he will bring all the presents for our children. Santa has agreed to be filmed so we will be able to show the visit to the children once he has gone.



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Welcome

Bethany Mitchell has recently joined the Cart Mill team as our Business Support Assistant. Bethany works part time in the office alongside Janet Jackson. Welcome Bethany!

Head Lice

This is the time of year when we start to have instances of head lice. It is a good idea to check your child's head regularly and if you spot head lice then immediate treatment is required. The following link has good information <https://www.nhsinform.scot/illnesses-and-conditions/skin-hair-and-nails/head-lice-and-nits>



December Dates to Remember

*Friday 6th December
Thursday 12th December
Friday 13th December
Tuesday 17th December*

*Coffee & Craft
Christmas Concerts
Christmas Jumper Day
Puppet Show*

*9am & 3pm
11.30am & 2.30pm
Pay £1 Save the Children
9.45am & 1.30pm*



Christmas Holidays



Our centre will partially close at 6pm on Friday 20th December for Christmas holidays in line with schools. We are open beyond this date for parents whose children have a 48 week extended contract.

We re-open fully in line with schools on Monday 6th January 2020.

*The staff of Cart Mill
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family
A very Happy
Christmas*



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