

# Cart Mill Family Centre Newsletter January 2022



## Happy New Year!

We hope that you all managed to have a Christmas and New Year with your family and loved ones. It is great to have the children and staff back!

We hope that 2022 brings you and your family good health and lots of happiness.

## January Planning

We are always following government guidance and the updates that they give to Early Learning and Childcare settings. Just before we stopped for Christmas, we were asked to make plans to return to “bubbles” in light of the omicron variant and to try to keep our children and staff safe. We will start the room “bubbles” on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> January and this means that the children will be in the rooms that they are familiar with and their keyworker will be in that room too.

Managing COVID-19  
Bubbles in the Early Years



The children and staff will move rooms on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> January and then every 2 weeks after that so that the children are accessing the wide variety of learning experiences that each playroom offers. The children will be able to meet up with friends in the outdoors and on our daily walks which we will be starting soon (weather permitting). We have discussed this change with children today and we will continue to support all of our children as we move rooms.



## Winter Weather

This week we seem to be having our coldest weather so far this winter. Please ensure your child has warm clothing (jumpers/fleeces) on each day as our children do spend lots of their time in the outdoors and we need to keep windows and doors open for ventilation. If you are sending in hats and gloves please make sure that your child's name is on them.

We will continue to monitor the weather and will update you if there is an impact for our centre by e-mail, text message and twitter. Please follow our twitter page at @cartmillcentre

\*Please note - We are a nut and kiwi free centre\*



## Forest School

We will be taking our next groups of pre-school children to the forest in March. We have found that staying out in the cold and low temperatures is not the best experience for the children so we will wait until we hopefully have better weather.

## Names on Belongings & Lost Property

Please write or attach your child's name to their clothes and belongings.

Before Christmas we had a big pile of lost property and this was mainly due to the items not having a name on them so please put your child's name on all items.



## COVID Reminder

Please continue to wear a face covering (unless exempt) when dropping your child off and when collecting them and stay 2metres from other adults. Thank you for your continued support.

## Festivals and Celebrations

We will be celebrating Burns Day on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> January with a special snack and Scottish stories, poems and dance. We will also be celebrating Chinese New Year on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> February and 2022 is the Year of the Tiger. We will be finding out how Chinese families celebrate the New Year and we will make some Chinese food for a special snack.



Kind regards  
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