

Hi everyone

It's been a short but very busy week in Cart Mill!

Vandalism

I'm sure most of you will have seen on social media or our parent WhatsApp that mindless vandalism of our garden took place over last weekend. I took great comfort from the way staff and families rallied round on our holiday Monday to tidy up the mess to ensure we were able to open safely for our children. Photos were shared on our X (formerly twitter) page @cartmillcentre. We will continue to work closely with police colleagues and our community wardens to tackle these types of issues.

If any member of the public sees anything inappropriate taking place or has any information about the recent vandalism you should contact the police on 101 or our Community Safety team by calling 0800 013 0076.

Maths Week

We've had a very busy Maths Week with lots of problem solving, measuring, weighing and Maths in Motion. You can get a flavour of some of the experiences children have been involved in through our X feed and on our [learning blog](#)

If you are looking for ways to help your child at home there are lot of ideas here:

<https://www.mathsweek.scot/families/activities>

Emergency Contacts

Thank you to everyone for returning the Annual Data form. We will be going through all details to ensure that all children have contactable Emergency Contact details. It's really important to let your Emergency Contacts know that you have given us their details as they may be called to collect your child at any time. Please remember that Emergency Contacts should be local and able to collect your child at short notice.

As we approach more unpredictable weather we would ask you to think carefully about who can collect your child if you are running late or public transport is cancelled at short notice.

Gaelic Medium Education

Gaelic Medium Education is now open to all children entering P1 in East Renfrewshire and no prior knowledge of Gaelic is required.

Further information can be found by clicking the link [Gaelic Information Event](#)

Collection Times

I am sure you really enjoy hearing about your child's day so we ask you to arrive in plenty of time, before their actual finish time, to allow time for staff to share and pass on information at handover time. If you're unsure of your child's actual finish time, please just ask.

Holidays are Coming!

As a family centre we are open throughout the year, with the exception of public holidays and in-service days.

All children can attend throughout the year except children with a 9am-3pm term time place who should attend in line with nursery classes and schools.

Term-time children should not attend w/b 16th October due to school holidays.

Cart Mill is closed to all children on Monday 23rd October as we have our in-service Day.

As many children now attend throughout the year, we ask you let us know us if your child is on holiday or is not going to attend during any school holiday periods.

Mini- Kickers Sessions

We are delighted to share that ERC Culture and Leisure have planned 4 free weeks of Mini-Kickers sessions starting on Tuesday 10th October. The Tuesday sessions delivered by a Football Development coach, alongside our Cart Mill staff, are a great opportunity for children to have a free taster session.

I hope you have a lovely weekend with your family.

Many thanks
Angela Kerr

Acting Head Teacher