

Hi everyone,

We would like to welcome some new children and their families who have joined our Cart Mill community over the last few weeks. We are always happy to chat, answer any questions or provide support to you or your family. Please feel free to chat with us either at drop off or pick up time, by contacting the centre by telephone (0141 570 7560) or emailing: schoolmail@cartmill.e-renfrew.sch.uk

Congratulations

A huge congratulations to Fiona Hannah on graduating yesterday from University of Highlands and Islands with a BA in Childhood Practice. We're all so proud of Fiona and are sure you'll agree that she's pretty amazing!

Parking

We are so lucky to have drop off spaces so close to the entrance to Cart Mill for parents and carers to use. We have two spaces designated for Blue Badge holders which help those with disabilities or health conditions park closer to their destination. We ask you to be mindful of parking to ensure that the car park is accessible for all users.

I ask you to share this with family members or carers who drop off or pick up nursery children.

Mini- Kickers Sessions

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. We can't wait!

NC Childhood Practice (School Hours) - November Start

We've been asked to share this amazing opportunity to study towards a National Certificate in Childcare that takes place during school hours. The course is 2 days in a placement, 2 days at college and 1 day online. Contact details are included in the link.

<https://www.westcollegescotland.ac.uk/courses/childcare/nc-childhood-practice-school-hours-november-start>

Fostering Independence

Each week in Cart Mill Chat we're going to be asking for your help with an independence challenge for your child. We really want children to see themselves as competent and capable.

This week when your child is being dropped off or picked up please encourage them to carry their own bag and carry/wear their jacket. We'll encourage them too and I'm sure they'll be so delighted by the smiles they get as encouragement.

Thank you for your help with this.

Children's Belongings

We ask that all jackets, bags, lunch bags your child brings to nursery are clearly labelled. We discourage the use of carrier bags as these are unsafe in our cloakroom area and pose a suffocation risk. Please be mindful of using drawstring bag as the cords can be long and dangerous for children to hang on their peg.

Please include a change of clothing, socks and underwear in your child's bag. Even though they may be toilet trained, accidents happen when they get very wet and muddy during outdoor play. Thanks for your help with this.

Holidays are Coming!

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.

I hope you have a lovely weekend with your family.

Many thanks
Angela Kerr