

Hi there

What a wet and wild week it's been!

As it's now November please remember to check our [Annual Planning Calendar](#) for events this month including Bookbug, 'Stay and Play' and 'Wellbeing Calls'.

Should you prefer a face to face meeting with your child's keyworker or a member of our leadership team instead of a 'Wellbeing Call' please just let us know.

Preschool Parent Information Evening

We had planned a preschool parent information evening for Monday 13th November. Unfortunately, we need to postpone this session until Tuesday 12th December 6pm-7pm due to staff absence.

This session in December is for parents or carers to come along and hear ways to help support and challenge preschool children.

Planning for Improvement

As part of our Improvement Plan discussions during the in-service day in October we were looking at Learning Journals and sharing new guidance with staff on the best way to collate evidence of children's journey through play at Cart Mill.

When your child's Learning Journal is sent home next week you may notice that it reflects a broader range of activities and interests from October 23. The learning experiences shown should reflect your child's interest or learning at that time. It might be about exploring water play, playing with large blocks, imaginary play or outdoor play if this is your child's interest. Children are encouraged to make their mark to share their learning or write their own comments, with the key worker scribing underneath if necessary. When recording a learning experience which shows progression from a previous experience staff will record the progression by writing the word 'Progression' next to the experience, highlighting it and referencing the page number of the experience it progresses on from. I'm sure this will all become clear when you see examples over the next few months.

Deferring your child's place for P1?

All parents and carers in Scotland have the legal right to defer their child's entry to primary school if they are not yet 5 years old at the beginning of the school year.

From August 2023, new legislation has meant that any children deferring entry to primary school would automatically be able to continue to access funded early learning and childcare for an additional year.

Parents wishing to defer their child's entry to primary school should submit an application for a school place for 2024/25, indicating in the application that they wish to defer.

The application process for school admissions will open in December 2023.

If you would like to take the opportunity to discuss any concerns or ask any questions you may have prior to school application in December 2023 please let us know and we can arrange a suitable time to meet.

Nature Hunt

Are you going out walking this weekend? Can you spend a few minutes gathering autumn leaves or pine cones? These can be used for an abundance of things in our centre, including making collages, loose parts, decorations so please have a look if you are out and about.

Many thanks

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