

Hi there,

It's getting towards that super-busy time of year and we're already hearing children talk about Santa!

### **Happy Diwali**

We wish all families celebrating this weekend a very Happy Diwali.

If you or your child would like to find out more about this special festival please click here:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/stories/lets-celebrate-diwaliperformance>

### **World Nursery Rhyme Week and Scottish Book Week**

Next week we will be celebrating a week of literacy with visits to the library, daily Bookbug sessions and encourage children to be authors and illustrators throughout the week.

Nursery rhymes are excellent teaching tools and can help to develop language and literacy skills, numeracy, social skills and emotional skills while having so much fun!

For World Nursery Rhyme Week there are 5 official rhymes for 2023 and we will encourage the rhymes every day. Perhaps you could recite the rhymes at home too:

**Monday**-Jack & Jill

**Tuesday**-Hickory Dickory Dock

**Wednesday**-Head, Shoulders, Knees & Toes

**Thursday**-Row Row Row Your Boat

**Friday**-Wheels On The Bus

There's load more information here: <https://www.worldnurseryrhymeweek.com/about-wnrw/> and here <https://www.scottishbooktrust.com/book-week-scotland/the-book-week-scotland-book>

### **Can you help?**

Our very creative children continue to need a supply of large cardboard boxes, toy catalogues, tubes, shoe boxes and anything else you think they may like to use while making models.

Our mud kitchen is also needing replenished and we're on the lookout for old cake tins, oven trays and silicon cake moulds or silicon cupcake cases. Thanks so much for your help with this.

### **Wellbeing Calls**

During week beginning 13<sup>th</sup> November our staff will be calling to have a chat about your child.

Should you have a missed call from an unknown number you'll know it was us!

Should you wish a face to face meeting instead, please just let us know.

### **Breakfast Time**

If your child is having a small breakfast in Cart Mill (before 8.45am) they should bring one or two items for their breakfast as it can be confusing if they believe they have to eat the many choices in their snack box. Thanks for your understanding.

Our snack area is fully open from 9am when water, milk and fruit are freely available.

Please let Janet or whoever is at the door at drop off if your child has breakfast with them.

### **Pro Judo**

Please find attached information about free taster sessions for preschool children.

### **Mini Kickers**

As this block of Mini Kickers visits has now ended we would like to provide the opportunity for your child to experience the Mini Kicker programme within the context of the community football programme, which runs as part of a wider offering across East Renfrewshire.

Should you wish to take up the opportunity of a free taster within the Mini Kicker programme you can register your interest by completing the taster booking form which can be found here; <https://forms.office.com/e/chvNNZfaHP>

Please note, **the taster programme booking closes on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> November.**

Tasters will be offered during specified dates only on the booking form therefore, please ensure you are available to attend on the date and time selected.

If you have any questions or would like any further information please contact ERCL Football Development; [SportsAdmin@ercultureandleisure.org](mailto:SportsAdmin@ercultureandleisure.org)

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any queries, concerns or positive comments. If you are unable to speak in person please email or phone...there's always someone there during the hours of 8am-6pm to listen.

I hope you have a lovely weekend with your family.

Many thanks  
*Angela Kerr*

Acting Head Teacher