

Hi everyone,

It's hard to believe that next week it'll be December already!

We'll have lots of excitement in Cart Mill over the next week as the decorations, trees and festive preparations get under way.

Please find attached our **Cart Mill Countdown** with important reminders during this busy month. If you would like a printed copy, please ask at our office.

St Andrew's Day

On Thursday 30th November children are invited to wear a little tartan if possible (please don't worry if you haven't any) as we'll be celebrating being Scottish by singing, listening to traditional music, reading books with a Scottish theme and joining in some simple ceilidh dancing.

Applying for P1

The application process for P1 commencing August 2024 will open in December 2023.

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 automatically continues 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.

I'm sure you've already had the opportunity to discuss going to school with your child's keyworker during their Wellbeing Call or at pick up time. 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.

Allergies

Please remember that we are a nut and kiwi free zone.

Some guidance on creating a healthy packed lunch or snacks, tips and portion sizes can be found here: <https://www.nhs.uk/change4life/recipes/healthier-lunchboxes>

As always, 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

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