

Hi everyone

I was out at a conference yesterday and when I came in today it was as if Cart Mill had been sprinkled with Christmas fairy dust overnight! Thanks to Michelle and all our staff for putting so much effort into decorating our playrooms, outdoors, reception area and putting up a variety of Christmas trees.

Thank You

A huge thank you to those who very kindly donated toilet rolls and other items to ERC Foodbank today. Your kindness really makes a difference to others.

Winter Crafts

Next week we have a busy week of Winter Craft sessions-we're really looking forward to welcoming you to your chosen slot. This is a lovely opportunity to meet other parents or carers, make craft activities with your child and chat with staff.

Christmas Jumper Swap

Please see attached information about ERC Christmas Jumper Swap...this may come in handy as we celebrate Christmas Jumper/Wear Something Festive Day on Friday 8th December. We are mindful that this can be a very expensive time of year for many families and ask that you re-use last year's jumper or swap jumpers with friends or family.

Pick Up Time

As a staff we spend some of our time reassuring children that Cart Mill is great fun and that their special adults always come back! I ask that you collect your child at the correct time as children can be quite unsettled if their routine is disrupted or their special person is late.

At lunch time children should be collected by 12.45pm, please let other family members or carers know.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Application for P1 is open!

Please use the following link to read important information regarding applying for P1: [Apply-for-primary-1](#)

If your child is not yet 5 years old on 1 August 2024 you may choose to defer entry until the following academic year. Such children will be entitled to an additional year of funded early learning and childcare. If you decide to defer your child's place at school please remember to complete the application process using the link above.

Christmas Concert

On Wednesday 20th Dec 9-10 am & 3.30-4.30 pm Children are invited to wear something festive, if they choose.

Please sign up to AM or PM concert on sign in sheet at reception from today (1st December 2023)

Preschool Information Evening

Please complete the following Form if you have a preschool child:

<https://forms.office.com/e/e0XGwfdzCc>

We'd like this completed by Wednesday 6th December. Thank you.

Holidays are Coming!

I'd like to remind you that on Friday 22nd Dec we ask you to collect children by 1.30/1.45pm as Cart Mill, along with all council buildings, closes at 2pm.

Cart Mill reopens to all 48 week children and staff on Wednesday 3rd January 2024.

On Monday 8th January 2024 Term Time children and staff return.

Can you help?

Our creative children are on the lookout for cardboard tubes (kitchen/toilet roll) for making some craft ideas and models.

We're also looking for toy catalogues such as Smyths, Lego, Argos etc. Thank you.

Please read [the](#) Gaelic Bookbug information (attached).

Remember that we are always here to help in any way that we can. You can email, phone or ask for a chat at pick up or drop off time, if we can't help at that point we'll get back in touch with you as soon as we can.

Many thanks
Angela Kerr

Acting Head Teacher