Cart Mill Chat

Happy New Year and a very warm welcome back to Cart Mill in 2024! I hope you all feel rested and ready for the exciting year ahead. Can I also extend a warm welcome to all our new families who are joining us this term.

The centre is looking very bare now all the decorations have been packed away, but I am sure it will be full of children’s creations before we know it! Please feel free to hand in any boxes or cartons that you have in the house for our junk modelling area.

**Calendar**

As you know, the annual planning calendar is on our website. This is updated regularly so please do not rely on an old version because it could be out of date. January is looking like quite a busy month in Cart Mill, please check what is happening on the calendar: [annual planning calendar](https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/er/cartmill/parent-information/annual-planning-calendar/)

**Participatory Budgeting**

As part of the Williamwood cluster we have been given a small amount of money to spend to support the children in our communities. Each school and nursery have been given a small budget and we would love your ideas of how to spend it. We are obviously very proud of our outdoor connections and have had some ideas connected to this. These include: more gardening equipment for our little diggers; more staff training to offer children longer access to the forest activities; storage containers for outdoor equipment. Do you have any other ideas? We would love to hear them.

Please let us know your ideas, or if any of the above ideas are something you think would be beneficial. Can you please send any new suggestions to us by next Friday, 12 January so we can put it to the vote the following week. We can then put our proposal across to our participatory budgeting cluster group.

**Upcoming dates**

The centre welcomes back all our term time staff and children on Monday 8th January but we will have some holidays in February too.

Centre closed to **ALL** children (inservice day): Friday 9 February 2024

Centre closed to **term time** children (school holiday): Monday 12 & Tuesday 13 February 2024

I hope you all have a wonderful first weekend of 2024 and I look forward to seeing you all back next week, raring to go!

Best wishes