

MORTLACH PRIMARY SCHOOL NURSERY

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Exciting times!

I am so excited to have started my new position of Nursery Manager at Mortlach. What lovely children you have! They have made me feel so welcome and I am so looking forward to getting to know you all. Hopefully, Covid will not hang around too long and we can get together for a cup of tea and a blether soon, and if not, we will do it virtually. I think it is really important that we all work together as a team to provide the very best experiences for all of the children, staff, parents and the community.

My usual working pattern will be, on a Monday & Thursday I will be in Mortlach and on Wednesdays and Fridays I will be in my other nursery, Tomintoul. Tuesdays are usually days where I may have a meeting (or two!) so I could pop up anywhere. You should continue to contact the nursery in the usual way and the nursery staff will deal with any day to day issues. If you need to contact me, please contact Mrs Coupland (telephone 01340 820298, email admin.mortlachp2@moray-edunet.gov.uk) and she will organise a meeting time that suits everyone.

Refurbishment

What an exciting week! I see that the workmen have taken out the window and have put in the new door which will allow the children to have direct access to our outdoor play area. The direct door will give the children the choice of playing indoors or out throughout the morning and along with the new teaching hut, this will provide a great opportunity for children to learn in a new and exciting way.

Inside we have a gorgeous (and large) new kitchen – hopefully we will get lots of cooking and baking experiences next term. A new bathroom and changing room are also taking shape. We are hoping to be in the new room when we return from the October break, but there is still a lot to do. When the refurbishment is finished we will look at what resources we may need to make our outdoor space a stimulating and fun place where children want to be. We may need to do a little fund raising to buy extra resources, if any one has any good ideas on how to do that during Covid, I would love to hear them.

To help the children feel included and nurtured in the new room, I would like to make a nice cushion for the bench in the story corner. My aim is to make three, so that they can be on a 72hr rotation. I am looking for each child to bring in a piece of fabric from home, an old jumper, top, pillowcase etc. that I can use to create a patchwork piece of fabric to make the cushions. If anyone had any old nursery or school jumpers they could donate, that would be fantastic! This will mean each child will have something from home in the story corner. Please bring your fabric, in a bag, before the end of term. I will then quarantine it (72hrs), and then get cutting and sewing during the October break.

1140hrs

Mortlach Primary School Nursery will be starting the 1140hrs from Tuesday 5th January. We are very much looking forward to having the children for a full 6hrs, making the most of our lovely new space. At present, nursery starts at 8.30am. We would hope to move this time to 8.50am – 14.50pm but we are open to discussion if this will not fit with this cohort of parents.

Moving Forward

We are still very much part of the school and hope to retain the very close links with the Head Teachers, staff and children of Mortlach School. The only real change is that the nursery has a manager but everything else will hopefully continue as normal. I aim to keep the “Tea and a Blether” sessions, it is vital that you, as parents and carers, play an active role in the life of the nursery.

Sickness/illness

Just a wee reminder that we have been advised that we need to have a zero tolerance should your child be ill in anyway. If your child is ill, please contact the nursery to let us know that they won't be attending and what symptoms they have. If your child has been sick, please remember that it is 48hrs after the last incident of vomiting/diarrhoea before they can return. With **Coronavirus** very much in the news, please encourage good hygiene by completing regular quality hand washes - better safe than sorry.

Contacting Nursery

If you do need to contact the nursery please either email adminmortlachp2@moray-edunet.gov.uk or 01340 820268.

Dates for your diary:

9th October

Last day of term

26th October

Term starts

16th November

In-service Day

18th December

Last Day of Term

Thank you for your support

Mitch Fraser

Nursery Manager

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