

MORTLACH PRIMARY SCHOOL NURSERY

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Mortlach Nursery Newsletter January 2025



Teamwork Makes the Dream Work

Welcome back



Well that has been a bit of a baptism of fire already this week! What a welcome to 2025! Hopefully the weather will settle down over the next few days and we can get back into a routine. We hope you had a fantastic Christmas and New Year and nobody was too poorly to enjoy the festivities!

The children had a fantastic end of term with their visit to the cinema to see Paddington, their lovely meal at Scribbles and their lovely wee pyjama party.

Thank you to everyone who managed to come along and see the children receive their gift from Santa, it is such a precious time when your children are little. A huge thank you from the staff team for all our Christmas gifts, very generous and much appreciated.

This term, we are delighted to welcome two new members of staff, Emma McConachie, our new EYP and Rhona Henderson our new PSA. Many of you will remember Emma as our student last year, she was a big hit with the children and was very much part of the team, it will be lovely to have her start on Monday. Rhona Henderson has come out of semi retirement to join us as she enjoyed coming to us on relief, which is lovely!! Rhona was my SEYP at Keith Nursery a few years back and it will be lovely to work with her again. I am sure you will make them both feel very welcome. Christine and Laura remain the backbone of the nursery team and Mrs Milne is supporting the children over lunchtimes. We continue to have Nicola and Kirsty as students and we are really looking forward to having a full staff team in 2025!

Snow Closures

The Head Teacher, Tracy Gordon and myself work very closely together each morning to make a decision about whether the school and nursery should open or close when the weather is inclement. This is a challenging task and we never take the decision lightly to close, and I think, 9 times out of 10 we get it right. The safety of staff and pupils is paramount and will always be at the forefront of any decision. Generally, if the school is closed, so will the nursery. I will continue to post each day on the Learning Journals if we are closed.



Tea & a Chat – Snack Fees

Following the letter from Hazel Sly explaining why we can no longer charge snack fees, I would like to discuss any ideas on how we can meet the shortfall of approximately £1400 in the year due to the 44p per day per child difference in income. The Nursery budget is not huge and we do try to minimise fundraising as we are aware of the financial burden that families are under. We need to think outside the box, and if anyone can, the Mortlach parents can! I have popped Thursday 23rd at 2.15 in my diary for a wee Tea and a Chat meeting to see what we can come up with, get your thinking hats on!



Bits & Pieces

Winter is definitely upon us, please ensure your child comes suitably dressed for the colder weather and please make sure that your child's name is clearly visible on them, one black glove is often very similar to 9 other pairs of black gloves!

If your child is unwell at all, please keep them off until they feel better, we have had a lot of illness and this has an effect on the whole nursery.

Wishing everyone a happy, healthy and safe new year!

Dates for the diary.

6th January – First Day of Term 3

23rd January – **2.15 – Tea & a Chat – Snack Fees.**

13th February – **In-service day**

14th & 17th February – **Mid-term break**

28th March – **last day of Term 3**

14th April – **First day of Term 4**

Mitch, Christine, Laura, Kristine, Emma & Rhona.

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Nursery Manager

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