



Have you changed your telephone number or email address since you originally downloaded the Groupcall Messenger App???? If you have not yet informed Lorraine in the admin then you will not have received any recent messages which have been sent out, or you will not be able to access your child's online learning profile which is updated on a termly basis.



Healthy Snack



The children are thoroughly enjoying making a healthy snack each session and would really appreciate if you could pop a food donation into the snack basket in the reception area.

Lost Property

There have been quite a few items of children's property which have been misplaced or lost from the cloakroom area. Can we ask that **all children's clothing is clearly labelled** and that you check the lost property basket each session for any items of your child's clothing which they have not replaced into their bags.



Creating Independence

The children love doing things for themselves, especially getting themselves ready to learn outdoors, however the biggest frustration for them is shoes or trainers which have laces. If possible when replacing your child's footwear could you consider buying them trainers or shoes with velcro fastenings or zips. It would be great if you could take time to encourage your child to remove their jackets and change their footwear for themselves when dropping them off for their session.
Many thanks.



Speech & Language

Why not follow NHS Lanarkshire Speech and Language Therapy on Facebook, they really do post some helpful tips and hints.

<https://en-gb.facebook.com/SLTNorthLan/>

Safety & Security



Each session for an added safety and security precaution we ensure that the double gates to the car park and the single footpath gate are closed (not locked) over at 9.15 am and 1.15 pm. If you are the first person to arrive by car or by foot at the end of the session feel free to open the gates for other users if the caretaking staff have not already done so.
Can we please also remind you to park in designated parking spaces and **not** near the gates or pathway to buildings.

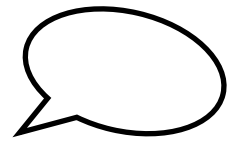
Easter Egg Hunt



We have had many requests to have the Family Easter Egg Hunt again this year due to its success. To help us write up the clues on the eggs we will be looking for some parent helpers whether to do this at home or in the nursery. If you can lend a hand, please speak to your child's key worker.

It is anticipated that this year the event will take place on Thursday 29th March 2018 at 9.00 am and 1.15 pm, where possible all children should have a responsible adult with them over the age of 16 years.

Have your say consultation



Finally, due to the weather we have completed almost all the Have your say consultations, apart from the Rainbow Room and Bumblebee group. Thanks to everyone who let the staff know what is going well and what they would like to do now in terms of engaging in their child's learning and development. We will shortly publish the data gathered from these events and the forthcoming program of events.

Staffing

Elaine will return as key worker to the Caterpillar children on Monday 26th February, with Charlene returning to Craigneuk Family Learning Centre. Gillian will return from her maternity leave on Monday 12th March 2018. Gillian has many annual leave days to take on her return until the end of June therefore Isabel will be supporting the group when Gillian is off.



Nursery places for 3-5 year olds

Will your child be three before 1 March 2019? If so you should apply for a Nursery place by **Friday 2nd March 2018**.

All 3-5 year olds are entitled to this service. Applications can be collected from any council nursery or downloaded from northlanarkshire.gov.uk

Please bring child's birth certificate and current council tax bill along with your application.

Office hours 8.15am –4.15am

Outdoor learning

Many people fear that learning outdoors in all weathers causes cold and flu like symptoms. Research has shown that this is not the case. When learning outdoors children are encouraged to dress appropriately with waterproof clothing, hats, scarves and gloves and we now have a supply of warm wellington socks which the children can borrow as our wellingtons do not keep feet warm like their own boots. For snack there is always a hot drink outdoors and children can return in at any time, however if you feel strongly that you do not wish your child to learn outdoors when it is cold, windy or rainy please ensure that you inform Isabel whose responsibility it is to ensure that all staff are kept informed daily



Each week we post some of the learning which you child has been involved in throughout the week along with a diary of events for the following week. Please remember to have a look and ask your child if they can share some of the learning which has taken place.

Community Assets Transition Event

Remember this will take place on **Wednesday 21st February 2018, 10.00 am in Calderhead High School**. Please remember to advise your child's key worker if you are unable to attend for any reason. Dates and times of individual school transition events will be lettered direct to you via your child's school.



Sickness or illness



Viruses can spread easily amongst children, whether that be from a cough, sneeze or touch. We have been working closely with the children to remind them of the importance of good hand washing:

- After they blow or wipe their nose
- Before eating food
- After flushing the toilet

If your child has been suffering form any cold or flu like symptoms it is advisable that they remain at home until the symptoms have resolved. Any sickness or diahorrea symptoms, then children or their parents/carers should not re-enter the nursery until at least 48hrs after the last bout.

Bookbug

The weekly Bookbug sessions in the Rainbow Room continue to be extremely well attended, where almost all the children are demonstrating that they can recite familiar rhymes which are in the home lending bags. For more information on the sessions please speak to Amanda or Susan.



Nurturing Early Readers Home Link resource

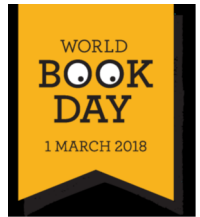
Thankyou to all the families who take time each week to share on a Thursday with Nicola and Christine how your child's skills are developing at home. The children in their Nurturing Early Readers group have also been recalling their favourite part of the story with their peers and sharing who was reading the book with them at home.

Wellbeing Wednesday with Sid and Shanarri has been helping the children to talk about what it means to be Safe, Healthy, Active, Nurtured, Achieving, Responsible, Respected and Included. The added value of the home link resource is helping the children to put their learning in context.

On **Thursday 1st March 2018**, all parents and carers have been invited to attend an information session on supporting early literacy skills with Christine and Nicola at **8.50 am** and **1.10 pm**, we hope that you can join them.

In celebration of World Book Day, the children will be involved in a fun filled world of story-telling experiences on **Thursday 1st March 2018**, where they can, if they like come dressed to nursery as their favourite character from a well-loved story. Will it be Little Red Riding Hood, Superhero, Spot the Dog, Cinderella ?????????? All the children will receive a gift token to go towards purchasing a new book.

If you are available, we would love if you could come into the nursery and read to the children after the information session.



End of Term Event

Each year we always consult with you regarding an end of term event, whether that be an outing or a fun day. In the cloakroom there will be a notice displayed for you to record your choice and we will then plan for the majority.

For example, Purves Puppets, Seaside, Zoo, Sports Fun day at Bon-accord Park, other????? Whatever you decide we will then cost and organise a fundraising event to cover the cost.



Some parents have asked about having professional photographs done again this year, which is not compulsory for all children. To find out if there is a high enough number of families wishing for this to be booked we have displayed two jars in the cloakroom area, **green** lollipop sticks should be placed for **yes** and **red** lollipop sticks for **no**. If this can be completed before Friday 23rd February 2018

Dates for Your Diary

**Shotts Community Assets Early Level Transition Event-
Wednesday 21st February 10.00am at Calderhead High School**