



Heriot Primary School Nursery Class  
Where everyone's learning  
Newsletter 1  
Tuesday 25th August 2020



Welcome back to a new session at Heriot Primary Early Learning and Childcare Class. We look forward to working with you in the year ahead. A special welcome to all the new children joining us this session.

Nursery life is very different at the moment and we appreciate this can be upsetting for everyone. Please be aware that we are following all the guidelines with our best efforts to keep everyone safe.

Entry and Exit times can be difficult so we are asking parents to remember to social distance at the nursery entrance or the school gates and not to linger with friends at the gates once you have collected your child. Below is a reminder of entry and exit times. Please remember to queue around the blue container.

Group	Key Worker	Entry Time	Exit Time
Yellow	Cassie	8:40am	2:40pm
Blue	Maria	8:50am	2:50pm
Green	Michelle	9am	3pm
Red	Lauren/Ashlie	9:10am	3:10am

If your child or anyone in your household develops symptom of covid-19 please follow the guidelines on the NHS website and notify the school office (0300 300 0158) that your child is isolating at home. It is important that the school and nursery is kept up to date with this information.

We thank you for your patience and understanding as we all work our way through this very difficult time.

### New School Phone Number

Please remember that the school phone number is 0300 300 0158. Please save this number to your phone so that you recognise the number if we are trying to reach you.

### Staff

#### Our Nursery Class Staff:

Miss Hilary Paterson	Head Teacher
Mrs Suzanne Staunton	Principal Teacher
Miss Ashlie McLaughlan	Equity and Excellence Lead
Mrs Yvonne Gatherer	Early Learning and Childcare Officer
Mrs Maria Cox	Early Learning and Childcare Officer
Miss Lauren McKenzie	Early Learning and Childcare Officer

Miss Cassie Wilson	Early Learning and Childcare Officer
Mrs Michelle Parish	Early Learning and Childcare Officer
Mrs Kelly Thomson	Early Years Support Worker
Miss Ashley Ewing	Early years Support Worker

## **SEESAW**

If anyone has not yet signed up for SEESAW please speak to Ashlie. This is a great way to see photos of learning experiences and some home links to help extend learning at home.

### **Absence**

If your child is unable to attend nursery, we ask that you inform us as soon as possible. Please phone the school office on 0300 300 0158 and a message will be passed to nursery class staff.

### **Website**

Our website is regularly updated with information and photographs. Our newsletters and information about themes are posted on the website. We also include our self-evaluation and welcome comments from parents and carers on this.

The website can be accessed via the main school website-  
[www.heriott.renfrewshire.sch.uk](http://www.heriott.renfrewshire.sch.uk)

### **Safety**

Please make sure the gate to the nursery is closed as you leave to help us ensure the security of the children. If we are fortunate to have sunny days, please apply sun protection to your child before they come to nursery. If you want them staff to re-apply this you must put a bottle of sun cream in to their bag clearly labelled with your child's name. Sun hats and sunglasses are also recommended. We ask that children do not bring food into the nursery. We want to minimise the risk to children with allergies so ask that you keep any home time treats until you are out of the nursery building. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter but we are sure you agree that the children's safety is of paramount importance.

### **Keeping us up to date**

Please ensure you keep us informed of any changes to health or circumstances. If you are not picking your child up from nursery yourself, please inform us and ensure the person collecting has knowledge of the password we ask you to give when completing your child's plan. We are sure you will understand why these measures are in place to ensure your child's safety. Please make sure you tell us if you change address or phone number.

## **Donations**

Parents often choose to make a weekly donation of £3 to cover the costs of items such as snacks, special craft materials, cleaning resources and towards buying treats for the children at special times of the year such as Christmas and Easter. Without the donations, we would be unable to provide such a wide range of resources to enhance learning. Apart from milk and a limited supply of fruit, we have no other source from which to provide our daily healthy snacks so we very much value these donations from parents/carers. We ask that you pay on Mondays where possible. Some parents have expressed a wish to pay termly in advance. If you wish to do so, £24 will cover until our October holiday for those children who have attended since the start of term. Many thanks for your continued support. Due to covid 19 parents are unable to post their money envelope in the box in the cloakroom. We, therefore, ask that you put your donation in an envelope with your child's name on it and hand it to the staff member who welcomes your child in the morning. Thank you for your support with this.

## **Clothing**

Nursery uniform sweatshirts and polo-shirts are still available to purchase from the school office.

Please label all items of clothing and bags. If your child can't tie their laces we ask that the shoes are slip on or Velcro!

## **Nursery Garden**

If you are available to give up some time to help maintain the nursery garden it would be very much appreciated. Please speak to nursery staff if you think you can spare a few hours.

**A full list of holidays for session 2020 - 2021 is at the bottom of this newsletter.**

## School year 2020-2021

<b><u>Term 1</u></b>	Return date for Teachers	Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> August 2020 (IS)
	In-service Day	Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> August 2020 (IS)
	Return of Pupils	Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> August 2020
	September Weekend	Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> September 2020 and Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> September 2020 (inclusive)
	Schools re-open	Tuesday 29 <sup>th</sup> September 2020
	Schools closed	Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> October 2020 to Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> October 2020 (inclusive)
	In-service Day	Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> October 2020 (IS)
<b><u>Term 2</u></b>	Schools re-open	Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> October 2020
	St Andrew's Day	Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> November 2020
	Schools re-open	Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup> December 2020
	Christmas / New Year	Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> December 2020 to Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> January 2021 (inclusive)
<b><u>Term 3</u></b>	Schools re-open	Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> January 2021
	Schools closed	Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> February and Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> February (inclusive)
	In-service day	Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> February 2021 (IS)
	Schools re-open	Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> February 2021
	Spring Holiday	Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> April 2021 to Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> April 2021 (inclusive)
<b><u>Term 4</u></b>	Schools re-open	Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> April 2021
	Schools closed	Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> May 2021
	In-service Day	Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> May 2021 (IS)
	Schools re-open	Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> May 2021
	Schools closed	Monday 31 <sup>st</sup> May 2021
	Schools re-open	Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup> June 2021
	Last day of session	Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> June 2021

**Teachers return Thursday 12 August 2021**

### School in-service days

- Monday 10<sup>th</sup> August 2020
- Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> August 2020
- Monday 19<sup>th</sup> October 2020
- Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> February 2021
- Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> May 2021