

PAISLEY EARLY LEARNING AND CHILDCARE CENTRE

NEWSLETTER

**INFORMATION FOR PARENTS/CARERS**

We would like to take this opportunity to welcome back all our families after the summer break and also a huge warm welcome to our new families joining us. The children have settled into their nursery routines well and we look forward to a busy year ahead of us.

You may have noticed some changes to the nursery environment, the staff and children over summer worked hard in developing our learning zones and we will be looking for your input in our ongoing developments. Please keep a look out for questionnaires, drop-in sessions and workshops.

The Family Room has had a re-vamp, we will be hosting a few family events over the coming year, so keep a look out for these, but also feel free to use it at any time.

Thank you for your contributions towards our fundraising events in June 2024. The money raised was used towards end of term parties and new resources for all of our nursery playroom. Our next fundraiser will take place on the run up to Halloween in October and will end with fun filled ‘spooky’ day on **Wednesday 30th October**. If your child does not attend session this day, arrangements will be made with you.

***No scary masks or accessories for costumes please!***

**OUTDOOR LEARNING**

Our outdoor learning space is open all year round in all weather conditions.

Please provide a change of clothing, including socks, hat and scarf for the coming winter months. Jackets and bigger clothing items should have your child’s name on them. We also ask that you provide a pair of wellie boots that can be left at the nursery.

We now have nursery bags on each peg and ask that you transfer any spare clothing into these that will remain in nursery, if your child is sent home in a change of clothing, please remember to top up their bag again! Personal bags should remain at home.

**ABSENCE POLICY**

If your child will not be attending nursery for any reason (illness, holiday), it is mandatory for you to notify us. We will contact you via call for any unknown absences and failure to reach you will result in a home visit.

***If you are running late***, you must contact the nursery asap as final lunch numbers are collected by 9:30. Failure to do so will result in your child not being provided with a nursery lunch. A packed lunch will need to be provided by yourself. (nursery lunches are not made on site)

***Please ensure your contact details are up to date in the office.***

**STAFF CAR PARK**

We ask that parents **do not** use the staff car park **at any time,** even for short periods. We have a large staff team and space in the car park is very limited. On occasion, staff are having to wait for families to move their cars before they can park and start their shift on time. We work to a staff to child ratio and late staff can result in your child not being able to start their session on time. We also need to keep a designated area of the car park clear at all times to allow the nursery bus to turn and park. Our bus runs to a set schedule and any delays cause significant disruption to our children’s routines. Thank you for your co-operation.



**BOOKBUG**

Bookbug is an early literacy initiative designed around sharing books, songs and rhymes to help children develop language and social skills. It is also simple, free and fun!

Come along and meet Laura Horn, our Bookbug leader who runs sessions on a Tuesday at 9:30am and 2:30pm. Sessions will start from Tuesday 1st

October. If you would like to take part, please add your child’s name to

the Bookbug register located on the family room door. (Younger siblings

who do not attend nursery yet are welcome, just pop their name on the

register too).



**RENFREWSHIRE COUNCILS VIOLENCE AND AGRESSION POLICY**

To provide the best service at Paisley ELCC we are committed to protecting the well-being of our staff and families.

We do not believe that verbal abuse, violence and aggression are necessary, and we will not accept this behaviour. If anyone acts in a threatening way, we will ask them to leave and, if necessary, we will formally record the matter or report the incident to the police. Any concerns can be reported to the nursery office.

Thank you for your co-operation.

**PARENT/CARER MEETINGS**

Child progress meetings will take place over the month of October.

Please check in with your child’s key worker for an appointment date and time.

**PARENTPAY / SNACK FUND**

Your child is provided with a small snack of fruit, milk/water by the nursery. Any additional items such as bread, cereals, crackers,cheese etc are bought through donations made through parent pay. Not only does this provide snack but also contributes towards items such as flour for baking and contributes towards outings.

This term so far, we have received £35 and appreciate the donation however, if all families are not able to donate, we will need to reduce the amount we are providing for snacks and experiences.

If you need support in setting up your parentpay or need assistance on how to contribute to towards the snack fund then please pop into the office and speak to Lynda. She will be happy to go through the steps with you. Many thanks for your ongoing support.

**DIARY DATES**

**September**

27th & 30th Public Holiday – Nursery Closed to all children

**October**

11th InService Day – Nursery closed to all children

14th – 18th – Nursery closed to all Term Time Children

**December**

2nd St Andrews Holiday – Nursery closed to all Term Time Children

20 December – Last day of session for all Term Time Children

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