**If Your Child is Unwell**

If your child is going to be absent we would appreciate if you could let the Centre know by calling 01292 612049

In the event of your child becoming ill, or having an accident at Nursery, we will contact you or your emergency number immediately.

Please ensure we have your most recent contact number, and let us know ASAP if they change throughout the year.

**Appropriate Clothing**

If you haven’t already done so, please provide your child with a bag which has **gym shoes** and **wellies** with their name clearly shown. A change of clothes is also required, we are outside every day, and this time of year can be pretty cold and wet. This can be hung on their coat peg and left there for the full year. For those children who still require pull up **pants/nappies.** Please provide a **supply** of these and wipes every week. We keep a small selection of clothing/underwear in the nursery, but as funds are limited we would appreciate if you could return any borrowed clothing to us. Thank You.

We know that the first few weeks required parents/carers to fill in a number of forms, and we would like to thank you for co-operating with us to get these done as quickly as possible. If there are any outstanding could they be returned as soon as possible please.

Snack

Parents are reminded to pay **£2.00per week** to cover the cost of the children’s snack as the Government does not provide this as part of the service. Please put this in the tub on the table and mark **paid** on the sheet. We ask that you please keep up to date with this payment. Children will be provided with milk or water to drink. We encourage the children to have a healthy and varied diet. Children are also included in decision making for snack. Please let us know if your child has any special dietary requirements.

**Welcome**

We are delighted to see everyone back after the summer break, and hope you all managed to get some time to enjoy the spells of sunny weather! A special welcome to all the new children and families that have joined us and we are pleased to see them all settling in really well.

Parental Involvement

We place a high priority on working with our parents and families. We have had our first Parent Council Meeting, which brought forward some positive ideas. The parent council are always happy to welcome new members and have some fresh ideas. The next meeting will take place on 28th October at 5.30pm in the Village Hall. We have a parent’s board inside the nursery where staff will regularly post details of relevant information. Please take time to familiarise yourself with this.

The Right to CARE

This year, Fisherton primary School Values are:

Safe

Kind

Helpful

Respectful

Responsible

Tenacious

These were decided by the children through consultation and will be launched throughout the school in the coming weeks.



 **Equality Equity Breaking down the barrier**

**Attendance**

Children are expected by the Government to attend at least 85% of the time. This is tracked by each school internally. It is important, especially at the Nursery stage, that children miss as little of school as possible. Absence can have a knock-on effect on a number of areas, including socialisation, confidence as well as their learning.

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**Suitable Clothing**

The children will have fun trying out lots of new activities with things like paint, glue, dough and mud. These activities are integral to your child’s learning and growth. Sometimes this means that they will get very dirty. As part of the Early Years Curriculum they will be encouraged to go outdoors, this means that warm clothing, gloves, scarves and hats should be provided when the weather is cold and that sun cream should be applied when the weather is warm.

Clothing should be comfortable, easily washed and easy to manage in the toilet. **Please provide your child with a pair of gym shoes and wellies that can remain in nursery. Ensure all items have a name clearly written.**

**Care plans and meetings with parents**

Staff are currently working with your children to identify targets for learning, this is something that will be discussed with parents during care plan meetings. Children’s targets come from the children’s interests and needs as well as from discussion with parents/carers, we appreciate your co-operation on this as it provides your child the best start in their young life.

Lending Library and Home-Link Bags

We actively encourage families to use our Lending Library and Home-Link Bags (they are available at the door of the Nursery). These are a fantastic opportunity to engage with your child and at the same time enhance their language and communication skills.

We will also be starting to send home literacy and numeracy bags – simple, fun activities to do and have fun with. You will not be bombarded with these – these are meant to be enjoyable for both you and your child!

**Outdoor learning days**

Monthly woodland walks have been planned where we will join Maidens EYC. We kindly ask that all children come prepared with suitable clothing and a change of clothes.

**Promoting Positive Behaviour**

Our policy in Fisherton is to promote Positive Behaviour through praise and encouragement e.g. we reinforce good behaviour and children learn to share, take turn and respect the feelings of others.



**Staffing**

We are pleased to inform you that Mrs Gemmell will be joining the Early years team in October after being successful in the recent interviews. We would like to thank Mrs Graham for helping us during the interim period.

**Time of our Sessions:**

Children are entitled to 1140 hours of Early Learning and Childcare (5 sessions per week).

 **Full Day Session:** **9am – 3pm**

Wrap around care is available to purchase from South Ayrshire Council. This is available as follows:

**8.30am-9am**, cost £1.75

**3pm-4pm**, cost £3.50

This must be booked directly with South Ayrshire Council. Further information can be found via <https://www.south-ayrshire.gov.uk/nurseries-and-childcare/>

**Please ensure that children are picked up by 3pm each day**. Charges will apply for lateness. We appreciate your support with this as staff are committed to other duties from 3pm. Thank you.

Please note: Staff must be informed if there is a change of person at collection time. This is for child protection purposes.

**PEEP Sessions**

We will soon be commencing our 3 week block of PEEP which will be run by Gillian Munro (early years practitioner.) We would encourage all parents to join the sessions where possible with their child in order for them to gain the the best experiences. The session will consist of fun activities, games and songs for the children to develop maths and language skills whilst having fun. This allows parents a chance to experience the type of games which could enhance your child’s learning at home, which are all very simple and cost effective.



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**Dates for your Diary**

**PEEP** – Tuesday mornings 9.15am -10.15am for 3 weeks (8th, 22nd & 29th October)

**Stay and Play** - Thursday 19th September 2019

**Holiday weekend –** Friday 20th September & Monday 23rd September

**In-service Day –** Tuesday 24th September

**Parent Council meeting –** 28th October at 5.30pm in the Village Hall

**Harvest Assembly –** Tuesday 8th October 10am

**October Holidays**!! Schools close Fri 11th at usual time, and re-open Tue 22rd at usual time.

**Woodland Walks** – Wed 18th September

 Wed 20th November

 Monday 9th December

**Farm Park & Santa-** Friday 13th December

**School show –** Wed 18th Dec 6pm at Church

**School Closes for Xmas –** 2.30pm

**Please ask any member of staff if you want any more information**

**Complaints Procedure**

It is of paramount importance that the Nursery should run smoothly and parents/carers and staff work together and co-operate in the best interest of the children in the nursery. In the event of complaints from staff or parents, every effort will be made to respond quickly and appropriately.

If a parent/carer feels that he/she has cause for complaint they should speak to HT Leeanne Campbell.

**Learning and Development:**

What we have been learning so far this term!

* Rules and Routines in the Nursery
* Listening and talking skills
* Respect and positive relationships
* How to get on with our friends-sharing and caring
* Rhythm and Rhyme through songs and rhymes
* Letters and numbers through messy play
* Being Creative by exploring arts and crafts inside and out
* How to talk about happy and sad faces, creating them with leaves
* And much more…

Prior to the October holidays we will be learning about

* Numbers and what they mean
* Signs of Autumn and the journey of the trees/leaves falling etc.

And doing some

* PEEP
* Play on Pedals
* 3 Read – small group story time with appropriate questioning
* And lots more messy play, outdoor play, free play and creative play!