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## April Nursery News

I hope you all had a super holiday. What a lovely, bright start to the term!

### Sunscreen

Shetland weather is always hard to predict, but we hope that we will have a lot more sunshine before the end of term.

To be safe, please apply sun cream to your child before they come to Nursery. A long-lasting sun cream is the best and it helps to have a spare, labelled tube, in their bag for any top-ups. If you give consent for Nursery Staff to apply sun cream, please sign and return the consent slip at the end of the newsletter or reply to this email.

A sunhat can also help to protect your child. Ideally, a sun hat should cover the back of the neck, and the tops of the ears. It is best to wear thin layers, with long sleeves to protect from the sun.

### Naming Garments

Please could all parents ensure that their child's outer garments (jackets, hoodies, hats etc. or anything else that can be taken off, is named, to ensure it gets back to the correct person at the end of each session.

### Nursery Information Evening

There have been so many changes in Early Years education lately, with the increase of each child's entitlement to 1140 hours per year, Child led Pedagogy etc. that we thought it would be useful to hold an information evening to enable you to visit the nursery setting, see the type of activities/resources available and have the opportunity to ask questions and hopefully have them answered. A date is yet to be confirmed, but more information about this event will follow shortly. In the meantime, a leaflet summarising 'Realising the Ambition: Being Me', which is the national practice guidance for the Early Years (published by Education Scotland in 2020), will be sent home with each child.

There is a link on it to the full document, if you are interested in taking a more in depth look.

**Transition for Pre-schoolers:**

The pre-schoolers have trialled eating their lunch in the school canteen on Thursday and loved the experience! This will continue throughout the term.

**Mondays, starting Monday 25 April:**

The bairns will go through to the P1 classroom/outdoor area for play and to meet Mrs Anderson (class teacher), whilst current P1 are at PE. Two members of Nursery staff will accompany them. They will then wash hands/use P1 toilets and go for lunch in the canteen at 12:00. The current P1 will join them in the canteen at 12:15. Both groups will be supervised to play outside after lunch, and Nursery bairns will return to Nursery at 12:45. None of the older pupils will be using the playground at this time.

**From Monday 2 May,** the new P7 Buddies will join in with the class play session.

**Thursdays, starting Thursday 21 April:**

Pre-schoolers will have 'free flow' play between the Nursery and P1 classroom with current P1 pupils, for 30 minutes, whilst three year olds go to Tingwall Hall or playground, for PE, accompanied by Mrs Spofforth and three Nursery staff.

**Parents of Nursery Pre-schoolers:**

There will be an informal -'drop in' to see P1 classroom and meet the teacher, Mrs Anderson, on Monday 6 June between 3 pm - 4 pm. If any parent cannot make this, they can contact the school to make an alternative arrangement.

Mrs Anderson will also offer an on-line parents information session (date tbc) and provide a 'Starting School' Brochure for parents and a 'Photo book' for bairns to look at/share/discuss, over the summer holidays.

**Staff this term:**

**Daily:** Senior Practitioner - Lisa Gifford, Support Workers: Lee Paton & Anya Arcus (from 2 May) and Donna Falconer

Monday	Practitioners - Linda Hughson, Hayley Hardy Support Worker - Sarah Hutcheson
Tuesday	Practitioners - Linda Hughson, Hayley Hardy Support Workers - Shona Teale (until 26 April), Louise McKnight
Wednesday	Practitioners - Emma Webb, Hayley Hardy Support Worker - Vaila Knight
Thursday	Practitioners - Emma Webb, Linda Hughson Support Worker - Louise McKnight
Friday	Practitioners - Emma Webb, Linda Hughson Support Worker - Vaila Knight

Nursery Teacher - Meg Laurenson, Mondays (until 23 May), Wednesdays & Fridays

I regret to inform you that Linda Hughson, Practitioner, will be retiring at the end of the summer term. She is a much loved, valued and respected member of staff, who will be missed and difficult to replace.

**Nursery Blog**

Remember to check out the Blog to find out what has been happening in Nursery:

<https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/sh/tingwallnursery/>

**Occasional Holiday Dates until the end of summer term**

Friday 27 May 2022  
Friday 3 June 2022

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Child's name \_\_\_\_\_

I give consent for my child to have sun cream, supplied by me, applied when needed.

Parent's name \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_