

**Cairns Nursery Class Newsletter**

**August 2020**

Dear Parents/Carers,

It has been a very different start to the new session and we appreciate your continued support in settling the children back in to nursery. We would like to extend a very warm welcome to all of our returning children and we look forward to welcoming children due to start in September. The children have settled well, back into nursery life and are enjoying having fun with their friends! We look forward to working closely with our new children and their families as the year progresses.

Dates for the Diary

* Friday 25th September – Monday 28th September – September Weekend
* Monday 12th October – Friday 16th October 2019 – October week
* Monday 16th November – In-service day

**Our Learning**

Our focus for learning is all about our emotions and keeping safe. We have a strong focus on the children’s health and wellbeing this term and so far they have shown great resilience, settling back into nursery life and picking up where they left off. We hope to explore the children’s emotions and support them in expressing how they feel using the story ‘Lucy’s Blue Day’. There will also be a strong focus on keeping safe and the children’s personal hygiene. The children will be handwashing regularly and we will be talking about how we can keep ourselves healthy and avoid germs. We will also be toothbrushing.

The children always remain at the centre of our planning for learning and their interests will be developed and used to take us on a learning journey. Keep an eye on our nursery blog and the school twitter to see what we are learning. We are looking forward to seeing where their interests will take us on our learning journey. If there is anything you would like to share with the children, or anything you think should be included in their learning please share with a member of staff.



**Nursery session times**

* Morning session 8.45am – 11.55am
* Afternoon Session 1.00pm- 4.10pm

Please be on time to pick up your child as we have staggered pick up and drop off times to ensure we are following social distance guidelines.

Being on-time to pick up your child will also help them settle into nursery as being late can cause upset and be distressing for the child.

**Snack**

This session parents will not be required to pay snack money. Snack will be provided and the children will have a choice of healthy snacks such as yogurt and fruit.

 **Staff**

We would like to welcome a new member of staff. Miss Steven who will be working at the end of the week. She will be the keyworker of the red group alongside Miss McMenemy. Miss Steven is a welcome addition to our team and she has already been working hard getting to know the children.

Last session Miss Sherry was in working with us two days a week, this session she is with us the full week and will be working with the children and developing our block play.

Following on from last session

* Miss Revie will be the keyworker for the **Green** group.
* Mrs Canning will be the keyworker for the Blue group.
* Mrs Hutcheson will be the keyworker for the Yellow group.
* Miss McAteer and Ms McDougall will be the keyworkers for the **Purple** group.

**Emergency Contact Numbers and change of address.**

 Please remember to update us if your contact details change, as we need to be able to contact parents/carers in case of emergency. If you have a new mobile number, please ensure that this is passed on to staff.

**Feedback and Suggestions**

As always your feedback and suggestions for the Nursery are very much appreciated. If there are things you would like to see in our Nursery or anything you would like to share please speak to a member of staff or put your thoughts in writing for the suggestion box.

**Nursery Absence**

 If your child is off nursery please call the school on 0141 641 2218 to report your child’s absence. When calling if you choose Option 3 you can speak directly to a member of the Nursery staff or will be able to leave a message. We kindly ask you to phone to make staff aware of any changes to who is picking up your child from nursery. Our Nursery staff have their lunch break between 12 noon and 1.00pm, and will therefore be unavailable to answer phone calls at this time.

If your child or anyone in your household is showing any symptoms linked to Corona virus, you should book a test and stay at home until you get the results. Anyone in your household should also self-isolate until results are back. Further advice can be found using the link - <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/symptoms/>

This should also be reported to nursery so that a record can be kept and appropriate action taken if the result of a test is positive.