



May 2019 Newsletter

Welcome, Witami, Plăcere, Naaste, Gaidits, ترحيب
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...to our nursery community newsletter and also to all our new families. Our newsletters are packed full of important information for each term. They also have a quick *Calendar of Events* at the back, to put on your fridge or notice board. If you do not have access to a computer/printer, you can read/pick up a paper copy from the foyer. Please take a moment to grab a cuppa and catch up with all the latest developments happening within our nursery community.

Last week we were delighted to welcome Education Officials from Finland. Janniina Vlasov, a Senior Advisor at the Finnish Education Evaluation Centre (FINEEC), and Laura Repo, an Evaluation Counsellor, had asked to come and visit the nursery after hearing Kate speak at the International Inspectors Conference last September, hosted by Education Scotland. The visit was part of their current work in developing a national evaluation system for Finland's early childhood centers. They commented on how inspired they felt by Cornton and the warmth of the nursery environment.

We are looking forward to seeing you all at the Summer Community Garden Party, lets hope this good weather continues!

Best wishes,

Kate & the team :)

Staffing:

We are delighted to share that Sarah Beveridge is the successful candidate for the Senior ECE vacancy.

Recently we have also recruited two ECEs, Amy Ryan & Chloe Conner who are joining us in June.

Due to the Early Years Expansion, there will be more ECE positions to be filled over the coming months. Any parents/carers who would like to be involved in this process, please speak to Lyndsay. We will keep you updated on the progress.

'Keeping it Right' Chats: These happen twice per year. During these informal meetings families and educators review children's learning goals and celebrate achievements. If you cannot attend on the date below, please speak to your child's keyworker who will happily make another appointment. Please select your timeslot on the sheet which is allocated beside the registers in nursery.

Acorn Room:

Anna: Monday 20th May

Nicolle: Tuesday 21st May

Jen: Wednesday 22nd May

Steph: Thursday 23rd May

Oak Room:

Lynne: Monday 27th May

Robyn: Tuesday 28th May

Sarah: Wednesday 29th May

Mairi: Thursday 30th May

Danah: Friday 31st May

As the warmer weather is now with us, please ensure that sun cream is applied before your child comes into nursery.



Communicate with us:



Facebook: Look for Cornton Nursery & send a friend request. We post up to date information regularly.



<https://twitter.com/corntonnursery>

We post up to date information regularly.

Class dojo: Please register using the individual code you were given to ensure up to date information.

Cornton Nursery website:

<https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/st/corntonnursery/>

Community Action Day-Summer Community Garden Party

Friday 21st June 11am-2pm

Join us for our Final Fling!

All Welcome!



School Meals & Fee Prices

School Meals:

The price of a school meal was increased on 01.04.19 to £2.20

Nursery Fees:

From the start of the new school term in August (20.08.19), the hourly rate will be £3.10. A session will therefore cost £15.50, and a full day £31.00

Early Learning and Childcare Expansion (1140 hours): From August 2019 the nursery will be open from 8am to 6pm. To minimise disruption to children's play and learning we will be offering options drop off times of, 8am or between 8.30-8.45am; and pick up times of 3.45pm, 4.30pm or 6.00pm. You can choose when to bring your child to nursery based on your family's needs. We would request that all children attending a full day or morning session are in nursery by 9am to ensure they are able to settle in at the same time as the rest of the group. We are responsive to the needs of individual families so if these times aren't suitable please come speak with us.

A snack will be provided mid morning and afternoon, and lunch will be served at 12 noon. Meals can be purchased at a cost of £2.20 or parents/carers can provide a packed lunch. Some children may be eligible for a free lunch, please ask Linda for details.

Due to staffing changes within the expansion of our Early Years provision, there may be changes to your child's keyworker. Keyworkers will be working in teams in order to ensure you have opportunities for face-to-face conversations with staff members who know your child best. We will provide further information nearer the time.

As you may be aware there will be extensive building work at the nursery, beginning at the end of May. There will be a display board in the foyer which will keep you updated with the plans.

Any questions please come in and chat with us.



Nursery Leavers Event

A Celebration of Transition Learning with families, educators and teachers on:

Thursday 13th June

@ 4.30pm-6.00pm

All leavers families welcome



Snack: Thank you to all who contribute to children's snack through donations in either Percy our Piggy Bank in the foyer, Parent pay or by purchasing items requested through Facebook or the basket in the foyer. This allows us to offer children two snacks per day, whilst being able to use our budget for nursery equipment and resources.



Nursery Sports Day , Friday 24th

May

11am-12noon and 1pm-2pm

All families are welcome to attend.



Stirling Parent & Family Support Team:

The parent and family support team help to make a positive difference to families in Stirling. Any parent/carer supporting children/young people ages 0-18 can access support, please contact nursery for more info.

Susan is the nursery community link worker and can offer support through a variety of ways. Please speak to her about the following:

Play@home: We can offer family play sessions, in the comfort of your own home, using the NHS Play@Home resources.

Peep 'Learning Together': These groups are for parents/carers and their children together, and aim to support families with their children's early learning in an enjoyable way. Current groups are Tuesday afternoon and Thursday morning.

Toddlers: Cornton are lucky enough to have 2 local toddler groups. These are Stirling Rugby Club & Noah's Arc.

Community Garden: Open each Monday & Wednesday at Cornton Nursery from 9.30am-11.30am. All toddler groups and child-minders in the area are very welcome.



Fridge Reminder:

Parent Chats: 6wks after children settle

6 weeks after your child's start date.

May:

Fri 24th: Sports Day

Mon 27th – Fri 31st: Oak Room Parent Chats

Wed 29th: Stay and Play Day

June:

Thurs 6th: Full day preschool visit to Cornton Primary

Fri 7th: Friends & families meeting. Come have a cuppa and a chat with Lyndsay @11am & 1pm

Mon 10th: Childsmile Fluoride Varnish catch up

Thurs 13th: Preschool Leavers event @ 4.30pm

Fri 21st: Community Action Day: Summer Community Garden Party 11am-2pm

Fri 28th: End of term-last day for term time children

July:

Mon 1st July: Summer Holidays Start, open for children with extended year contracts