News Letter January 2020

Term 3

**Happy New Year** to all the children, their families and friends. It is so nice to see all the children back again after all the sickness during December, the nursery is once again full of noisy laughing, chatty children and it is a delight to hear.

**Building Works**: As mentioned before the remainder of the building works for the nursery anticipated start date has now been confirmed as 16th March 2020. The entrance will be relocated to the back of the building and a walkway created for this. Children will use one of our garages as a cloakroom before entering the building. It is anticipated that the work will take between 6 to 8 weeks.

***Health Walks:*** We will be introducing local area health walks with the children over the coming months. If you would like to improve your own health please feel free to speak to Ann Marie our Depute to gather more information on these events.

***Winter clothing:*** Please ensure your child is suitably dressed for going out into the community as we begin to build partnership links in the local area and so that they can participate in the health walks mentioned earlier.

***Indoor shoes:*** In order to maintain good hygiene levels and infection control, all children must wear indoor shoes. Black plimsolls are ideal for nursery, they give the children better support around their heels and they are less likely to slip on the new flooring.

***Wellies:*** Please ensure your child has wellies for use in our garden.

***Changing children:*** Self-evaluation is on-going in Ardnahoe in order to improve infection control and to maintain good hygiene levels in nursery. With this in mind the nursery will no longer be hanging bags of wet or soiled clothes on the children’s pegs. Instead we will place an ‘Oops’ tag on the peg, parents will take the tag to a member of staff who will retrieve the clothes for them. A number of children are now ‘toilet training’ therefore it is important that they are support to succeed, dressing them in easy to manage clothing e.g. joggers or leggings is ideal. Please also ensure your child has clothes in their bag particularly if they are toilet training.

***Interrupting learning:*** Welcome time is a very significant part of the nursery day. It is the time when staff tell the children what learning activities are available for that day, registration is checked to ensure our ‘Fire Registers’ are accurate and it is also time for children to share any news with their friends. To avoid interruptions during ‘Welcome Time’ any children arriving between 9.15am - 9.30am or 1.15pm - 1.30 pm will be asked to wait in the hallway until ‘Welcome Time’ is over.

***Developing the Young Workforce*** is about achieving better connectivity and cooperation between education and the world of work. In our case this is about developing children’s awareness of different career paths available to them in later life and it is regarded as very important even at this early stage. We would therefore be delighted if any working parents would be prepared to come in to the nursery to tell the children about their job no matter what it is.

***Parking*** – Once again, for children’s safety please refrain from parking on the zigzags at the railings outside the nursery and in front of resident’s drives.

***Care Plans:*** Staff are currently updating the children’s Care Plans. If you are given one home to complete could it be returned as soon as possible in order to keep our records up to date and to ensure we are meeting the needs of the children.

***New staff:*** We have another Support for Learning Working Lorraine Mcguinness starting with us on Monday 20th January 2020. If you see a new face please say hello and make Lorraine feel welcome.

***Registration for Primary 1***: I have been asked by the local Primary Head Teachers to give you a gentle reminder about registering your children for school if they are due to start Primary 1 in August 2020. Children should have been registered by now, however if you have not already done so please do so now using the link below as places in the local schools are filling up fast and to ensure you get your preferred placement.

<https://www.glasgow.gov.uk/article/18007/Starting-Primary-School>

***Diary Dates***

* Chinese New Year celebrations will take place across the week beginning 20th January 2020.
* Burn’s celebrations will be held on 24th January 2020.
* ‘Stay and Play’ week for parents will take place across the week beginning 27th January 2020.
* Parents Health and Wellbeing Workshop – 30th January 2020 if interested in coming along please add your name to the list in the Quiet Room.
* In-service Days – Friday 7th and Wednesday 12th February 2020 – the nursery will be closed to all children.
* Mid-term holiday – Monday 10th and Tuesday 11th February 2020 – The nursery will be closed to Term Time children. Children on a 52 week contract will be in nursery.
* Family Book Bug Session – Thursday 27th February 2020.
* World Book Day Thursday 5th March 2020 – More information will be shared about this nearer the time.
* Marie Curie Daffodil Tea Tuesday 17th March 2020 – Parents, family and friends will be invited to join us in nursery for tea and cakes. More information will follow nearer the time.
* Nursery Rhyme Easter Egg hunt – Parents are welcome to join their child during the annual Easter Egg hunt.
* Nursery is closed to Term Time children from Monday 6th April until Friday 17th April 2020. The nursery will be closed to children on a 52 week contract on Good Friday 10th April 2020 and Easter Monday 13th April 2020.

**Mary and all the staff at Ardnahoe**