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We would like to wish all our returning families a warm welcome back. We hope you all enjoyed your summer holidays and we look forward to working in partnership for the year ahead.

This year some of the Rising 5 children will be taking part in a **“Together Project”**. They will have the opportunity to work in partnership with the Glenwood Day Centre; the children will visit the centre fortnightly and play games with the elderly members of the community. This will begin Wednesday 28th August. Your child’s keyworker will discuss with you when it is your child’s turn to go.

 

**Toy-Fund Tuesday**

 Toy Fund Tuesday will be starting back up on Tuesday 20th August. This is a voluntary donation of £1 per child. If you are having problems paying toy fund, then please speak to a member of management. This money helps to buy resources for the children as well as pays towards birthday presents, trips, parties and other essential items needed for the children.

A member of staff will be at the front foyer on a Tuesday AM and PM to collect toy-fund. Toy fund can also be handed in at any time during the week if you miss Tuesday.

**Prams**

Due to Glasgow City Council policy, we are unable to lock the pram shed. Please do not leave any valuables in the pram whilst it is stored outside, the nursery cannot be held responsible for loss of property.

**Refurbishment**

We hope all children and families are happy with the refurbishment of the nursery. The refurbishment will benefit the children in their learning experiences; having more space to explore and learn. There is still one area to be refurbed, however, this will not cause any disruption to the service provided. We will keep everyone informed of when this will take place.

The refurbishment has also meant that we can have a small increase to our numbers. This will allow us to support more children and families.

**Expansion**

Due to the expansion and the increased hours for our families, the nursery has become an indoor/outdoor nursery. This means the children will have opportunity to access the outdoors at all times during the day. We ask that the children have suitable clothing for the weather; wellie boots, jacket and change of clothes.

For Health and Safety reasons, the gate in the playground will be **closed at all times**. There will be **no entry** to the nursery from the back playground gate.

Your co-operation is appreciated in this matter

Please remember I have an open door policy. If you have any concerns please don’t hesitate to get in touch with any member of management K Henderson

**Website**

www.castlemilkday-nursery.glasgow.sch.uk

**Twitter**

If you are on Twitter, please feel free to follow us:

@CastlemilkDN

We will be updating our twitter page with important information and sharing photographs of the engaging experiences happening throughout the nursery rooms.

**Positive Steps**

We are setting up a new “Positive Steps” walking group with staff, children and parents. All children within the 3-5 room will have the opportunity to take part in these walks. Dates and times will be given out to parents of when their child will participate. We will be looking for parents to give up a little of their time to volunteer and come along on some of the walks with their child. Each week we will plan our walking route and track our steps using fit bits and pedometers. We will record our weekly steps and at the end of the walking session block we will count our overall steps achieved. There are so many benefits for children and adults through walking regularly, these include supporting positive well- being, increasing physical exercise building up the muscles within arms, legs and feet, spending quality time together as a family and building positive relationships within a calm and relaxed environment.

**Health and Safety**

The nursery is not insured to have children in the building before 8am. Because of this, the doors will remain closed until the start of the nursery day at 8am. With the expansion and increased number of families using the nursery from 8am, we cannot allow anyone in before then.

**Lunches**

All children who are entitled to lunch will have been allocated a first lunch or second lunch sitting. The times for lunch are 12pm or 1pm, depending on the time allocated to you. Unfortunately lunches cannot be kept or reheated for children who are late to arrive for lunch.

**On-going projects and topics**

This year the children will have opportunities to participate in a variety of projects such as:

* STEM (Science Technology Engineering Mathematics)
* Children’s Rights
* ECO Schools
* Phonological Awareness
* PAThS.
* Digital Learning
* Glasgow Counts

These projects will help the children to develop skills for learning, skills for life and skills for work.

**Annual data check**

Some parents have already completed their annual data check. If you have not yet updated your child’s information could you please do so as soon as possible? It is important we have up to date contact details in case we need to contact you in an emergency.