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**Refurbishment news**

There will be an information night on Monday 15th April 19 @ 5pm. This is to give parents/carers the opportunity to hear more about the renovation programme. Parents/carers will be invited on a tour of the nursery and Karen will discuss the proposed work that will be carried out. Any questions, then please ask. This will be an exciting journey for the nursery and we will keep families updated, your input is important to us.

**New staff**

We are delighted to welcome our new Child Development Officer Sarah Harper to Castlemilk Day Nursery. Sarah will be working in the Skye Room.

**A polite reminder**

Can parents/carer please make sure their child has a jacket, wellie boots and hat & scarf as the children will be outside in a variety of weather.

Also any child who wears nappies/pull-ups, if parents could make sure their bag is stocked with nappies and wipes please.

A change of clothes, socks and indoor shoes is also required. Although children wear aprons for messy play and puddle suits outdoors, sometimes the children still need changed after having so much fun with their friends and staff.

Your co-operation is appreciated ☺

**Toy fund Tuesday**

Thank you for your continued support with Toy Fund Tuesday. 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.

**Meet and greet**

Thank you all parents/carers who made it along to the meet and greets, we hope you found it informative and enjoyed hearing about your child’s learning journey within the nursery. If you didn’t make it along but would still like an opportunity to speak to your child’s keyworker, please speak to staff and we will aim to accommodate at the next available opportunity.

**Pram store**

You may have noticed that the new pram shed has now been installed outside. As you can appreciate, the nursery is very busy with many families storing prams in the store just now. Within the next few weeks the store will no longer be used for storing prams and the new shed outside will be used for this. I ask that parents fold their child’s pram to allow for maximum use of the storage space. Can I ask that no valuable items are left in the pram shed please when storing prams? The doors will be locked using a combination lock, just ask at the office for the code. We ask for patience and support during this transition.

**Information Surgery**

The Scottish Government has pledged to increase the provision of free early learning and childcare provision to 1140 hours per year by 2020, for children who are 3 or 4 years old, as well for 2 year olds whose parents/carers are on qualifying benefits and are eligible for the free entitlement. I will be holding surgeries on Thursday 25th April 19 at various times throughout the day. The first session will be @ 11.15am. The next session will be @ 3.30pm and lastly @5pm. Please come along to whichever session you can to find out what this means for your child.

**LPA – Raising Attainment within Numeracy**

Hi my name is Ann Marie, I am based within the 3-5 room. My main responsibility is to support and challenge all children within their numeracy. This includes working directly with your children using numeracy resources and materials, planning challenges as well as ensuring the nursery environments provide opportunities for your children to see and interact with numbers within their everyday play experiences. I will be offering a parent numeracy workshop on **Tuesday 9th April 2019 between 10am-11am** which I would be delighted if you could attend, you are more than welcome to bring your child along with you. This will give you the opportunity to try out some of the activities and give you ideas of how you can support your child’s numeracy at home using technology and everyday materials.

Please remember I have an open door policy and any parent/carer wishing to speak to me can come and see me anytime.

Karen, Head of Centre

**Easter party**

The Easter Parties will take place on Thursday 18th April 19. There will be two parties, AM/PM. If your child does not usually attend nursery on Thursday then please speak to your child’s keyworker to get confirmation of which party to attend.

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**Dates for the diary**

Term time children will stop for spring break on:

 Friday 29th March and return to nursery Monday 15th April

The nursery will be closed on Friday 19th and Monday 22nd April for Easter Weekend.