**Staff Changes**

Christine Henry, CDO from Tiree Room has retired. We wish Christine all the best in her retirement!

Louise O’Neill and Gillian Smith have joined our Skye Room. Louise is job share with Elaine.

Kirstin Kelly has joined Tiree room and will be working with all children.

Carol Mills has come to Castlemilk Day Nursery as permanent Team Leader.

Danya Jamil has been a supply member of staff and we’re pleased to announce that she will become a permanent member of staff with us.

Karen Henderson will be working in another establishment for now. In the meantime, Sam Nisbet (Depute) will be your point of support/contact if you have any questions or concerns. Karen will still be part of the Castlemilk community and will be coming into the nursery once a week for a check in.

**Indoor/Outdoor**

As you are aware we are an indoor/outdoor nursery. This means the children will have access to the outdoors from 8am-5.45pm daily and can choose to be outside in a variety of different weathers. The nursery is providing outdoor clothing for your child, which is stored in a clear plastic bag with your child’s name clearly labelled.

Within the outdoor area the future wee architects will be designing the next constructions in the mud pit, mathematicians counting in the willow garden, the chefs making a range of delicacies in the mud kitchen, the farmers growing their own vegetables in our veggie patch and the explorers enjoying campfire marshmallows.

**Learning and Development**

Staff will continue to do 6 monthly reviews of care plans via telephone. However, if any parent/carer would like to have a Learning and Development telephone conversation with their child’s keyworker could you please contact a member of management who will be happy to arrange this and let you know a suitable day and time for this conversation to take place.

**Dates for diary**

Term time children will finish:

Wednesday 22nd December 2021 and

return Wednesday 5th January 2022

52 week children will finish:

Friday 24th December 2021 and

return Wednesday 5th January 2022

**Christmas Experiences**

This year we will be having Christmas experiences week beginning 13th December 2021. During these days the children will have the opportunity to take part in a variety of Christmas activities and Santa will be visiting the nursery during the week, so your child will be able to get a present. Due to covid-19 restrictions Santa will be unable to come in to the nursery but the children will be able to wave to Santa outside.

 Arran and Tiree will have Christmas Parties on:

 Tuesday 14th December 2021 in the morning

And

Thursday 16th December 2021 in the afternoon

**Skye Playroom** will have their party on Wednesday 15th December in the morning and afternoon.

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**Xmas presents**

All presents have now been purchased for the children. Children’s keyworkers have put special thought into the gifts. A total of £1000 has been spent on gifts for children this year.

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**School Enrolment**

By now all children who are going to school should be enrolled online. If you are having difficulty enrolling your child then please speak to a member of management for assistance. If you wish to defer your child, you MUST still enrol them in their catchment school and then request a deferral.

**Clothing**

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. As an indoor/outdoor nursery, children will have access to outdoors at all times.

Also any child who wears nappies, 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. If your child has an accident and you have not provided a change of clothes, then we will have to contact you and ask that you bring clothes to nursery.

Your co-operation is appreciated ☺

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If you have any concerns please don’t hesitate to get in touch with any member of management

 Karen and Sam ☺