Carleton Nursery & Forth Child Development Centre Newsletter Term 4 June 2019

Dates for your diary
Fri 28th June 2019- Nursery closes for the Summer holidays at 12.00pm. Nursery will re-open for the children on Wednesday 21st August 2019.

On behalf of the staff in nursery, we would like to thank you all for your support during this session. The nursery could not function as well as it does without your help and continued support.

We would also like to thank the staff for their hard work and commitment to the work of the nursery and for the help and support they give the children to ensure they make progress in all areas of their development.

Finally, we would like to thank the children who are at the heart of the nursery. They have been amazing and a joy and it has been a pleasure to have been part of their young lives for the last year. We wish all of the children moving on to school all the very best. We expect them all to do well and we look forward to hearing how they are doing at school. We look forward to welcoming back our returning children and to welcoming our new children in August 2019.

We hope you enjoy the summer break and a well-earned rest!
Wendy, Nicola, Claire and the Nursery Team

A note from Margherita
I am writing to inform you that I will be leaving my Headteacher post here in Carleton Nursery and Ladybird Family Nurture Centre at the summer holidays. I have had 12 amazing years in Carleton Nursery and wanted to take the opportunity to thank you the parents, carers and the staff for your unfailing support during that time. It has been an absolute pleasure working with you and your children are a credit to you. It has been a privilege to have been involved at the beginning of the children’s learning journey and to see them grow into independent and confident young people. I would also like to thank the staff who work tirelessly to ensure that the children have an amazing nursery experience where they come to enjoy learning and preparing them for their future learning. Best Wishes, Margherita.
Stay & Play

We have loved welcoming our children and families who will start with us in August. The children have had the opportunity to visit the nursery playrooms and to attend a Bookbug session. Parents and carers were also invited to an induction meeting where information about the life and routines of the nursery was shared. We look forward to welcoming our new children and families back in August.

Staffing

We are sorry to lose Lesley Wilson, Lana Burnie and Rachel Allan who all leave us at the end of term to take up new posts. We are pleased to welcome back Pauline Lyng after the holidays to cover until Elaine Thomson returns from her maternity leave at the end of September.

We will miss Lesley, Lana, Rachel and Pauline and thank them for all their hard work and dedication this session.

We are also sad to see Tracey McDonald leave us. Tracey has been a Pupil Support Assistant at Carleton for 7 years. Tracey will be sorely missed and we wish her well in her future.

I am delighted to have been appointed permanently to the post of Headteacher across Carleton Nursery and Ladybird Family Nurture Centre. In the short time I have been here I have thoroughly enjoyed getting to know our children and families and working alongside Claire Ewing (DH of C), Nicola Clelland (PT) and our nursery team.

I am looking forward to continuing to do this in the future.

Wendy
Transitions

Our children who leave us to start school in August have all enjoyed visiting their new schools this term. Transition programs have been in place to support the children to become familiar with their new school environment and to start to build new relationships with staff and new friends. Many of the children move on to Carleton PS with other children looking forward to starting Primary 1 at other local primary schools. We have seen the children flourish and grow in confidence as they have visited their new schools. We wish all of our children the very best as they move on to the next chapter in their education.

August will also see many of our under 3 children move on to pre-school. We will welcome several children into our own pre-school playrooms and others will start at other local nurseries. We wish each child well as they move on to the next step in their nursery experience.

Final Nursery Reports

Staff have been busy working on the final nursery reports for the children who are moving on to school. These reports have now been issued. Please enquire with your child’s key worker should you wish to discuss the report.

Learning Through Play

This term has seen the children develop a keen enthusiasm for learning about and investigating Science and Life Cycles. The nursery has been home to caterpillars. The children were thrilled to observe the caterpillars evolve into butterflies and can now confidently describe their life cycle. The children of Room 2 also loved looking after Duck Eggs. A natural enquiry has been fostered and the children were able to discover the different stages of development and were delighted when the ducklings hatched! This interest spread outdoors and the children have developed an awareness of what plants require to live and grow and as a result our herbs are flourishing in our garden.
Rag Bag

Our clothes bin was emptied at the end of May and we received a payment of £64.80. This enables us to purchase much needed resources for the nursery and we would like to thank you for your continued support.

Book Fair

We would like to thank everyone who purchased books from our visiting book fairs this session. Across both book fairs, November & April, we have raised £98.35 in rewards to use against new books for the nursery. We will have fun choosing the books with the children.

Many Thanks

Sickness and Diarrhoea

I’d like to thank parents and carers for following Fife council’s guidelines when your child has been unwell with sickness and diarrhoea. This has, on the whole, allowed us to deal promptly with the situation and reduce further outbreaks through cross contamination. Building on this success, I would like to remind parents and carers that should you yourself be suffering from either sickness or diarrhoea then the 48 hour exclusion also applies to yourself. Alternative arrangements should be made to drop off and pick up your child.

Many Thanks
Please Help us to Keep You & Your Children Safe

There has been a large reduction in children and parents using the main car park for entry since closing the nursery gates. However it has been brought to our attention recently that some parents/carers have been accessing the gates when coming to collect their children. This is NOT a pedestrian area.

To ensure your continuing safety, the nursery should only be accessed on foot through the gate at the top of the footpath. We appreciate your co-operation in this matter.

Child Protection

Please do not hesitate to speak in confidence to either

Claire Ewing (Child protection Co-ordinator)
Wendy Anthony or Nicola Clelland (Depute Child protection Co-ordinators)

if you have any concerns regarding Child Protection issues.

Further information on Child Protection policy and procedures are in the main foyer.

FCDC Child Protection Coordinator is Michelle Aitken
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**In Service Days**

- Monday 19 August 2019
- Tuesday 20 August 2019
- Friday 15 November 2019
- Wednesday 12 February 2020
- Tuesday 02 June 2020