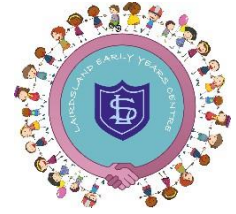


Lairdsland Early Years Centre

October 2022 Newsletter



Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to our October 2022 newsletter.

Parents/Carers welcomed into the centre

It has been lovely being able to welcome you all into the Centre during pick up and drop off. There have been many positives, such as allowing you all to see inside the Centre and enabling more interaction between our staff team and our families. However, one side effect of this has been that some children can struggle or get upset when they see other children going home. This is why we've asked parents not to go into the playrooms to allow the children a quiet area to play. Thank you for your support in this matter.

For safety can we ask that you ensure you close the courtyard gate and main entrance door behind you. We would request that you don't let other parents in and ask them to press the buzzer, just so that staff know who is coming into the building. This is essential in keeping your children safe.

Communication with the Early Years Centre

If your child will not be attending nursery, would you please call the office before 9:30am. If your child is going to be late, please call and order them a lunch before 9.30am.

We kindly remind you of the importance of picking your child up on time as the nursery is staffed throughout the day in accordance with ratios. We do understand that things will occasionally crop up. All we ask is that if you are running late please let us know as soon as you can. This also allows us to support your child if they aren't going home with their friends at their usual collection time.

Accident/incidents being recorded on Learning Journals

As a Centre we are looking to become more environmentally friendly and reduce our use of paper and ink when printing. The learning journals we currently use have a section that allows us to record accident/incidents online.

With effect from 1st November we are switching to online accident/incident forms that you can access via your child's learning journal. You will be alerted via email from the Learning Journals that you have a form and can access and mark off that you are aware of the accident/incident online. You will no longer receive a paper copy.

Café lunch 3-5

The children are adapting well to our new café lunch-time setup. The children are developing many skills throughout this time such as hand and eye coordination and independence as they are encouraged to self-select and serve themselves at mealtimes. Our café lunch begins at 11.30am and ends around 2pm. Can we ask that if you are picking your child up early that you alert a member of staff so we can encourage your child to have lunch before collection. If you have any questions regarding café lunch, please ask a member of staff.





Clothing

Now that the weather has well and truly changed, can we take this opportunity to remind all parents to ensure that their child is dressed appropriately for the weather each day. We are a free flow nursery and so the children have access to both the courtyard and the garden for the majority of their day. As you will have seen for yourselves, the courtyard area is open to the elements and so the children are encouraged to wear their jackets, hats, wellies, etc. when needed, as they would outside.

Can all parents ensure that their child has a complete spare change of clothes that are season appropriate, either in their nursery bag or in the drawstring bags that are left in nursery. We can let you have a look at what your child currently has if required. Please just ask a member of our team.

Finally, can we ask that all items of clothing and wellies are labelled with your child's name or initials. This just helps us keep track of your child's belongings.

We want all the children to enjoy their day at nursery and not be miserable from being cold or wet.

Halloween Week

Children can come to nursery dressed up, if they wish from Monday 24th October – Monday 31st October. The children will be able to engage in some messy and fun Halloween experiences throughout the week.



Donations

Thank you again for all of your generous donations, in response to our learning journal posts. We are continually looking for donations within the centre, so please think about us before you throw anything away.

We would be grateful if you could donate any old clothing in particular trousers, pants and socks along with any wellies or wet suits that your child may have outgrown that we could add to our spare clothing.

Buggies/prams

As of Monday 24th October we will be unable to store buggies/bikes/trikes within the nursery. We have been informed by our Quality Assurance Officer that this is an access route only. We do however have a sheltered outdoor bike shelter where you can store these if you wish.

Care plan updates

Thank you all for arranging time to complete your child's care plan update with their keyworker. If you have not received your appointment or rescheduled, please contact us to rearrange this. If there are any further changes, please alert the office or your child's keyworker.

Health and safety

Can we remind parents and carers that children cannot bring any food into the Centre. We have children and staff with severe allergies and cannot run the risk of cross contamination within the building. We are a nut free nursery.

Can we also ask that children do not bring any toys from home into the Centre. The nursery cannot be liable for any lost property. We understand that some children have comforters and these support the wellbeing of your child, however, we can't have any other toys in the nursery. There are plenty of toys and resources within the nursery for your children to access daily.



Treat fund

Thank you again to all who have contributed to our treat fund. With this support, the children can have a variety of sensory experiences including having sensory experiences with shaving foam and gloop, baking, and making and playing with playdough.

We will be using our treat fund to provide the children with a variety of different messy and fun Halloween experiences.

Treat Fund costs 50p for each session your child is in the nursery. Treat fund donations can be handed to Fiona in the office. They can be paid weekly, termly or annually.



Class Fundraising

We are participating in Class fundraising again this year. The children are currently creating their Christmas designs to be sent off. You will be able to purchase items with your child's design on them, such as Christmas cards, gift tags, mugs and bags. More details to follow when these are ready to be shared with our families.

Dates for your diary

Christmas holidays –

Nursery closes - Friday 23rd December

Nursery reopens - Wednesday 4th January