



Carrick Knowe Primary School

Nursery Newsletter

Term 1: August - October



Welcome to our first newsletter of the year. It has been lovely to welcome all our children and families - both old and new! We are so pleased to see how everyone is settling and delighted we have been able to return to one large Nursery for all. The children are embracing the space both indoors and out.

We will continue to follow a response-based approach to learning within Carrick Knowe Nursery and will also have a strong nature approach alongside this.

Please see the following information regarding the term ahead:

Curriculum:

In Nursery our planning is mainly responsive from the children. We will also plan contexts for learning to help the children develop skills and links across the curriculum. This term our main contexts will be:

Autumn-

Walks around our school grounds, Autumn activities, stories

School Values-

Revisit the School Values with a focus on Honesty and Kindness

Health and Well-Being -

Feeling Safe and Nurtured, Friendships

Website:

Within the school website there is an area dedicated to Nursery. Here you will find a 'weekly blog' which will keep you updated on the latest information, news, and photos of what the children have been up to. Please look out for our first post of the year next week.

Sickness/Illness:

If there are any cases of Chicken Pox, Hand Foot and Mouth or other notifiable illnesses within the Nursery, we will inform all parents by email.

Please note: Any child with sickness and/or diarrhoea will not be able to attend nursery for **48hrs** after their last episode.

Covid

As a Nursery, we continue to follow Government Guidance in relation to Covid. Please be aware that children showing any of the main 3 symptoms; **new continuous cough, fever or loss/change of taste/sense of smell**, should remain at home until they have had a negative PCR test result or alternatively they can self-isolate for 10 days.

We would be extremely grateful if, unless exempt, ALL adults entering the Nursery/School grounds should wear a face covering. Thank you for your support with this and keeping our whole school community safe.

Concerns/Suggestions/Ideas:

We are aware that Drop-Off and Pick-Up times do not offer you the opportunity to chat with your child's Key-Worker. If you have any Questions, Worries or Concerns, please feel free to phone or email us and we will get back to you.

Similarly, we are always looking for new Nursery ideas. Please drop us an email with any suggestions.

Clothing and Outdoors

As the weather is now getting colder and wetter, please send your child to Nursery with a jacket and wellies. We encourage children to change shoes and put on jackets independently - this is also something you can do at home.

Drop-Off/ Pick-Up

All Parents/Carers should exit the Nursery, following the one-way system, via the Car Park at all times.

Rhyme:

At Carrick Knowe Nursery we know the importance of rhyme. Research has shown that simple finger and counting rhymes are extremely important in developing children's language skills.

Uniform:

Nursery polo-shirts and sweaters are available from Border Embroideries at the following address:

<https://www.border-embroideries.co.uk/schools>

However, we still have a small stock available in Nursery (3-4yrs and 5-6yrs). These are not compulsory but if you would like to purchase any please speak to a member of staff.

Staffing

We are pleased to announce Ms Grieve has been seconded as our Early Years Assistant on a temporary basis. We are currently recruiting for a temporary Domestic Support Assistant.

School Gates

For safety reasons, during the Nursery day we close but do not lock the playground gates. If you are entering nursery and the gate are closed, please ensure you close them behind you when you come in. We appreciate your support with this.

Parent/Carer Consultations:

In line with the school arrangements, we will be offering telephone consultations with your child's keyworker this October. More information to follow shortly.

Dates for your Diary:

20/09/21	September Holiday
27/09/21	Maths Week Scotland
30/09/21	HT Monthly newsletter issued
w/b 04/10/21	Parent Consultations
15/10/21	Term ends