



# Cloan Nursery

## August 2019

### Newsletter



We would like to extend a very warm **Welcome Back** to all our families returning to us this August! We hope you all had a lovely summer and were able to enjoy some of the nice weather we had this year.



#### Staff News

Welcome to Lissa Duffy, new Depute Head of Centre who has taken over from Mary Devenny.

Lissa has been getting to know all the children and parents during the holidays and I'm sure she will introduce herself to you all.

Joanne McGarry has joined us as a permanent Child Development officer. She will be based in the 3-5 room with the Poppies.

Eileen has made the decision to go part time. She will be job sharing with Patricia and will be based in the toddler room with the Butterfly group.

We would like to congratulate some staff who have moved on to other posts in other nurseries.

Lauren Maguire has secured a Lead Practitioner of Attainment Post.

Claire McFarlene has also moved on temporarily. She has taken up an acting Team Leader role in another Nursery.

Joanne Hunter has moved on to another post within the council.

We wish them all well in their new posts.

#### Increase in Early Learning & Childcare provision



As you may be aware, The Scottish Government have pledged to increase the amount of hours, per week of funded provision for 3 & 4 year olds by August 2020.

We are hoping to pilot additional hours for eligible children from August 2019. Children will return to nursery the first few days as normal and Angela F will speak to parents/carers individually to explain what this will mean for you.....

#### Safety in the Sun Policy

**In the event of good weather returning:**

Could you please ensure that children could come to nursery with sun cream on. This enables staff to prepare children for outdoor play a lot quicker. If you forget please say to a member of staff and we will be happy to give you nursery sun cream to put on. We very much appreciate your co-operation in supporting our outdoor play to go smoothly.



### Wellies/Soft Shoes/Spare Clothes

Please remember to provide a pair of wellies for your child to wear when they are playing outside in the garden as well as soft shoes for indoors, and spare clothes in case we need to change them. Your child's name on these items will also help everyone!

### Parent/Carers Board



This term we will be developing our **Parent/Carers Board**.

This will be the large notice board just outside Angela F room. Although our families in the 0-2 room will not pass it daily, please make sure you have a peek round now and again to keep up to date with current developments.

We will put up copies of our Improvement Plan for 2019-20, which details what we identified at areas for development within our service. The 3 areas are:

**Delivery of 1140 Hours** - We will be working hard this year to pilot the 1140 hours and ensure that children are receiving their 1140 entitlement.

**Family Learning Programmes**- We will be working closely with families on a range of opportunities for you to be involved in the life of Cloan as well as supporting your child in their learning.

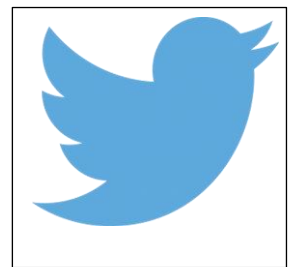
**Outdoor Learning Environment** - We plan to further develop our outdoor environment and learning for all children

**'Language and Communication Friendly Establishment' accreditation**- We will be having our accreditation visit this term and hope to feedback to you after the visit.

As part of this project we have been introducing Makaton to the children. Look out for the signs in and around the nursery. Ask the staff if you are interested in finding out more and introducing this at home.

We now have a Cloan Nursery Twitter Account.

We will use the account to update you on any nursery information. We will also use the account to share with you some of the learning experiences that the children have been taking part in whilst in nursery. Only children who have been granted permission from parents/carers will be included in any of the nursery posts. We will be issuing permission letters which you should complete and return to nursery. To find us just search @CloanNursery on Twitter.



### Important Dates For Your Diary In-Service days 2019/20.

We have been notified of the dates for in-service days in the new terms. They are as follows:

Fri 11<sup>th</sup> October

Fri 29<sup>th</sup> November

Fri 7<sup>th</sup> & Wed 12<sup>th</sup> February 2020

### Cloan Nursery Website

As well as a Twitter page, we are in the process of developing a nursery website.

Like twitter we will use it to update you on any nursery information. The website will be able to offer links to other sites and documents that might be of use to you. The photograph consent that you filled in when you child started nursery covers website permission. However if you do not wish you child's picture to be on the website please speak to Lissa Duffy or Angela Fraser and we will ensure we note this.

We will let you know when the website goes live!