



## Gartconner Early Learning and Childcare

March/ April 2019

I would like to say a big Hello to all existing and new children and families here at Gartconner. I am thoroughly enjoying being back from maternity leave. If anyone has any concerns regarding nursery business please feel free to speak with me at any time- **Mrs Travers**

### Staffing Updates

**Mrs Travers** has recently returned from maternity leave – she has worked at Gartconner for the past 4 years as Team Leader and will be taking up the post of **Depute Head of Centre** at Gartconner as of 01/04/19.

Miss Daily has now finished up for maternity leave.

Early Years is currently in the process of transformational change – as you are aware by 2020 children will be entitled to 1140 hours per year. This is an exciting time for Gartconner and means we will be welcoming new staff and children.

There will be lots of new and familiar faces. Staff will support you and your child through this exciting journey. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to ask. Look out for more information on staffing in the nursery.

### What we are learning about?

#### Butterfly Room

Spring, Farm animals/ Easter celebrations

#### Caterpillar Room

This term the children will be learning all about

#### Spring and Easter

**We will be consulting with the children on their current likes and interests. We would like your views on what the children are interested in at home. Please speak to your child's key worker.**

WB: 23/04/19 - We will be introducing the NSPCC Talk **PANTS** campaign. This will encourage simple conversations with children to help keep them safe, teaching children five key messages: **Privates** are Private, **Always** remember your body belongs to you, **No** means no, **Talk** about secrets that upset you, **Speak** up someone can help. More Information can be found at:

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/underwear-rule/>



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### Dates for your diary

Stay and Play Week –25<sup>th</sup> March–29<sup>th</sup>  
March

Big Chef, Little Chef – Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup>  
April 2019

Term time Easter Break – 1<sup>st</sup> April – 12<sup>th</sup>  
April 2019

### Nursery closed

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> April 2019

Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2019

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May 2019

You are welcome to join us for **Stay & Play** or **Big Chef, Little Chef Sessions** -  
Speak to staff if interested

Look out for Literacy workshop and  
numeracy home link bags.

### General updates

Please refrain from bringing your child's toys into the nursery to avoid them being lost or acquired by another child

Please label clothing and shoes

Lost property basket will be cleared every Friday – please ensure if you leave any items they are collected as soon as possible

If you are collecting your child and changing shoes please ensure you store their indoor footwear in their red/ blue bag on the peg.

### Parents consultation meetings

Parent's consultation meetings will take place week beginning 13<sup>th</sup> May 2019 (More information to follow). Please speak to your child's key worker about times/ days.

### Easter celebrations

We will be providing a variety of Easter themed experiences WB: 15<sup>th</sup> of April 2019.

The Easter service will be Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> April 2019 at 2pm. Children will have the opportunity to attend.

### Your views matter

We will be sending out online surveys with questions in relation to the nursery. Please look out for these.

We will be reviewing one policy per month. Please look out for this in the nursery entrance area and add any comments/ ideas.

### Meet The Team

#### Leadership Team

HT-Mr Manley

Depute Head of Centre – Mrs R Travers

#### Caterpillar Room (3-5)



Nursery Teachers – Mrs Wilson, Mrs Docherty

Miss C Wright (Senior Early Years Worker), Mrs Robinson, Miss Daily, Mrs Nugent, Miss S Wright, Miss McBride, Mrs Gray, Mrs Cowan



#### Butterfly Room (2-3)

Ms Berrie, Miss McColl, Mrs Curtis