



## Gartconner Early Learning and Childcare

October 2019

### Parents committee/ helpers

We really value your support and input. We rely on parent/carer helpers and volunteers to support the life of the service. If anyone is interested in joining the parents committee please let us know.

### Staffing Training

#### Child Protection training

We are continuing to refresh our Child Protection training. All staff received annual Child Protection update in August 2019.

#### Child Protection Co-ordinators

**Child Protection Co-ordinator – Paul Manley  
(Head Teacher)**

**Depute Child Protection Co-ordinator – Rachel  
Travers (Depute Head of Centre)**

#### Play on Pedals

Staff have recently been involved in 'Play on Pedals' training – look out for this as part of our 'Stay and Play' sessions soon.

#### Open Event

Thank you to everyone who attended our Open Day. It was a huge success and we received excellent feedback.

### What we are learning about/ focusing on?

#### Butterfly Room

Block play

Malleable play – developing independence skills

#### Blossom Room

This term the children will be learning all about

**Dinosaurs**

***We are going on a Bear Hunt – story***

We will continue to be responsive to children's interests as they change and incorporate this into the environment.

If your child has any particular interests/ likes at home please let your child's key worker know and we can add this to our planning.

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### Dates for your diary

Stay and Play Week –4<sup>th</sup> November 2019–  
Focus – **Play on Pedals**

Big Chef, Little Chef –Thursday 7<sup>th</sup>  
November 2019

Spooky Week – WB: 28<sup>th</sup> October – Spooky  
experiences all week – children are more  
than welcome to dress up any day that  
week

**Curriculum Evening/1140 update – Tuesday  
12<sup>th</sup> November 2019 - 5.30pm – 6.30pm –  
More info to follow**

Children in Need – Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November  
2019 – More info to follow

Parents consultation meetings – WB: 18<sup>th</sup>  
November 2019 – Info to follow

Christmas Party – Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> 2019 – More  
info to follow

### Nursery closed

Monday 14<sup>th</sup> October – Friday 18<sup>th</sup> October  
2019 – If you wish to purchase holiday  
cover at Hillhead please request a form at  
the nursery.

Winter Break – Mon -23rd December 2019 –  
Fri 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2020

### 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.

We will be sending out evaluations of  
parent/carer meetings please look out  
for these.



### General updates

Please ensure your child's belongings are  
clearly labelled to avoid any confusion.

### Forest Kindergarden

We have purchased new waterproof suits to  
support our Forest Kindergarden initiative. We  
are currently organising children into groups  
to ensure all get a fair chance at 6 week  
block. You will be informed as to when it is  
your child's turn to participate.

### A warm welcome

We would like to welcome Katey Bodle – Early  
Years Support Worker and Jenna MacHattie –  
Modern Apprentice to our team here at  
Gartconner.

Katey will be mentored by Caroline W and  
Jenna will be mentored by Megan H.

### Meet The Team

**Depute Head of Centre** –Rachel Travers

**Depute Head of Centre** – Jan Robinson

**Senior Early Years Worker** – Caroline Wright

### Blossom Room (3-5)

**Nursery Teachers** – Elizabeth Wilson, Lynsey  
Docherty

**Key Workers** – Simone Donnelly, Suzy Wright,  
Heather Woollon, Megan Hutchison, Beverley  
Gray, Monica McKernan, Linda McColl, Claire  
Holmes, Sarah McBride, Shauna Turner, Alyson  
Ramsay, Caroline Cowan

### Butterfly Room (2-3)

Alison Berrie, Ross Harrison, Angela Curtis