



## Gartconner Early Learning and Childcare

January 2020

### 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.

### Staff Update

Sadly we waved goodbye to our nursery Senior Caroline Wright this month as she now embarks on her new venture at Harestanes ELR. We wish her all the best for the future. We will be recruiting for a new permanent Senior to join our team within the next few weeks!

Simone Donnelly has now left to begin her maternity leave. We can't wait to meet baby Mooney in the near future.

Lorraine Daily will be returning to Gartconner in the next few weeks after her maternity leave. We look forward to having her back.

We will also have some new faces joining our team over the next few months to allow us to accommodate the 1140 hours – staff will be introduced as they start.



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

#### Butterfly Room

Will be focusing on 'Humpty Dumpty' as part of the children's current interests. This will incorporate lots of different skills including numeracy, hand eye-co-ordination, gross motor skills and literacy skills.

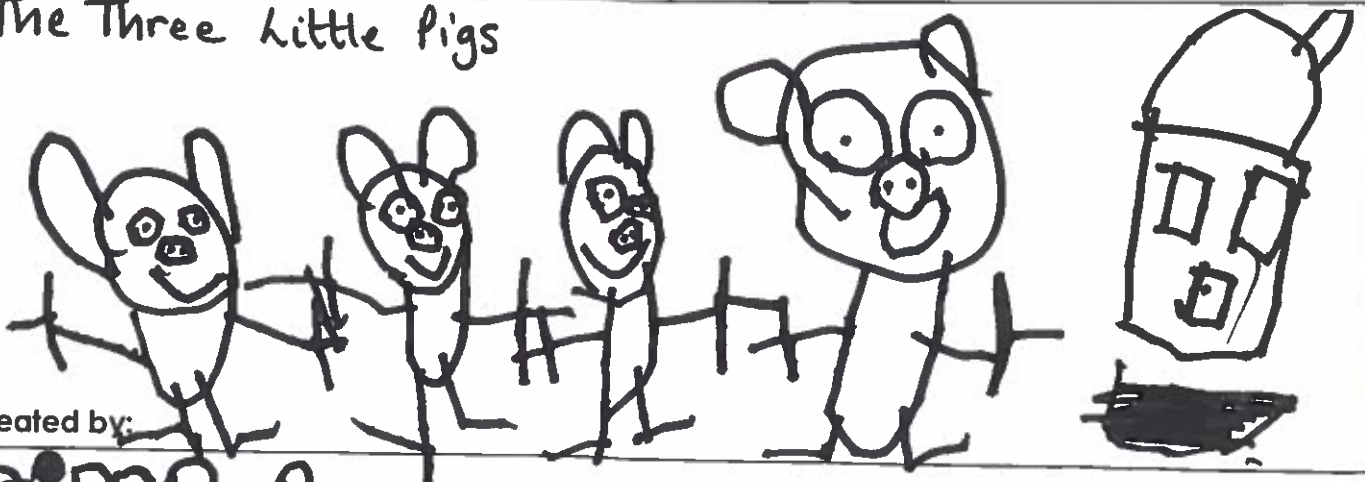
#### Blossom Room

**The 'Three Little Pigs' and building.** We will be exploring the story, extending vocabulary, showing children plans of real houses and much more – see emailed sheet for more info.

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.

## The Three Little Pigs



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### Dates for your diary

Stay and Play Week –24<sup>th</sup> February 2020–  
Focus – **Play on Pedals**

Big Chef, Little Chef –Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> February  
2020

Fairtrade Big Breakfast – Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup>  
March 9am-11am \*See flyer/ speak to  
Sarah for more info\*

### Nursery closed

Friday 7<sup>th</sup> February - inset day

Monday 10<sup>th</sup>/ Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> of February –  
holiday provision may be purchased –  
please speak to DHoC

12<sup>th</sup> February – inset day

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> April – Friday 17<sup>th</sup> April 2020 -  
holiday provision may be purchased –  
please speak to DHoC

Friday 10<sup>th</sup> April and Monday 13<sup>th</sup> April –  
Easter Weekend



### 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.

Please ensure your child is dressed  
appropriately for the weather conditions.

### Forest Kindergarten

We plan on starting a new block of Forest  
Kindergarten after the February break. More  
information to follow.

### We need your help!

We would like to show the children plans of real  
houses. If you have had any extensions or  
conversions and have copies of your plans that we  
could use we would be very grateful. If you work in  
the construction industry e.g. builders, joiners,  
electricians, planners, architects, etc. and have  
some free time we would appreciate if you could  
come into the nursery and share some of your  
skills.

### Meet The Team

Depute Head of Centre –Rachel Travers

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#### Blossom Room (3-5)

Nursery Teachers – Elizabeth Wilson, Lynsey  
Docherty

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

Early Years Support Worker – Katey Bodle.  
Modern apprentice – Jenna MacHattie

#### Butterfly Room (2-3)

Alison Berrie, Ross Harrison, Angela Curtis