



Thursday 17th January 2019

Cannon Class Nursery Spring Term Welcome Letter

Happy New Year and welcome back to a new term at Tregolls Academy Foundation Stage ! We hope you all had a fantastic Christmas holiday ! We are looking forward to another exciting term at Nursery with lots of learning opportunities and fun activities taking place !

A huge 'Thank You !' to all our parents and carers for your support last term. It really makes a difference to the children when you are involved in their learning. A special 'Thank You !' to all the Grown Ups who came to watch our Christmas performance and provided such lovely costumes for the children to wear. We really think it was one of our best performances yet and a big 'WELL DONE !' to all the children.

Can we take this chance to remind everyone that the Nursery sessions start at 8.45a.m and finish at 11.45a.m.

Children are entitled to 15 hours free Nursery education i.e every morning.

Children may also stay for packed lunch (at a cost of £2) and afternoon 'wrap-around' provision (at a cost of £10)

Morning Session 8.45a.m- 11.45a.m

Lunch 11.45a.m-12.45p.m

Afternoon 'wrap-around' 12.45p.m-3.15p.m

Some children are entitled to 30 hour free Nursery provision and to cater for this we will be running a Nursery session every afternoon.

Places are limited to begin with and priority will be given to 30 hour funded children. However, non 30 hour funded children will still be able to attend these afternoon sessions as 'wrap-around' provision at a charge of £10 per session.

It would be appreciated if we could know a day in advance if you wish your child to stay for lunch and/or afternoons and receive payment in advance or on the day. Thank You.

If you are unsure about any of this please speak to either Rachel or Jane

The Nursery will be following a 'Creative Curriculum' alongside the rest of the school.

This terms topic is '**Machines and Transport**' and the children will be encouraged to take part in a range of activities to promote learning in the seven areas of the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) curriculum. These are:

- *Personal, Social and Emotional Development
- *Communication and Language
- *Physical Development
- *Literacy
- *Mathematics
- *Understanding the World
- *Expressive Arts and Design

Activities are planned to enable children to follow their interests and ideas and to participate in a broad and balanced range of activities to develop their learning and understanding through their play.

Detailed information about the Nursery curriculum and a more detailed curriculum plan can be found on the school's web page to enable you to support your child in forth coming learning activities.

This terms learning activities include :

- *Re-telling and sequencing stories and talking about characters

- *Predicting what will happen next and how a story might end
- *Dressing up and role play
- *Singing Nursery rhymes and songs
- *Playing musical instruments, moving and dancing to music
- *Number and shape work
- *Writing and tracing names
- *RWI daily reading and phonic sessions
- *Painting and drawing different machines and types of transport
- *Using collage materials to make pictures and explore texture, shape, pattern and colour
- *Craft activities using problem solving skills and joining techniques
- *Cooking and learning food preparation skills - chopping, mixing, grating, mashing
- *Using small kitchen machines to prepare food
- *Investigating construction materials
- *Investigating small hand help machines and how they work
- *Learning about different types of transport and how we travel
- *Exploring toys with wheels and wings
- *Riding bikes and scooters

STAFFING

The Nursery will continue to be staffed by Rachel Holden on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday morning and Soraya Jackson-Hicks on Thursday and Friday mornings and all day Wednesday. Jane Lewarne will work on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays.

LEARNING JOURNEYS

Whilst at Nursery, children's progress and assessments will be recorded in an E format Learning Journey called 'Tapestry'. This can be accessed on-line by providing school with an e-mail address and then using a log on password. These assessments take the form of photographs, observational notes and assessments and make a comprehensive and lovely record of children's 'learning journey' in the Foundation Stage.

If you have difficulty logging onto your child's Learning Journey please speak to a member of staff.

OUTDOORS

Within the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) an important emphasis is placed on outside learning so please ensure that your child has a warm coat with them every day. Your child will also need to have a pair of wellington boots in school which can be left on the boot trolley. Please put names in coats, boots and all items of clothing and personal belongings.

SNACK AND WATER BOTTLES

Children are provided with a fruit snack and drink of milk or water every day.

All children can bring in a named water bottle for use during the session which can be taken home to be washed and refilled ready for the next day.

SPARE CLOTHES

It would be appreciated if all children could bring in a spare set of clothes just in case of accidents. These can be kept in their school bags in the cloakroom.

READING BOOKS

At Tregolls, we place huge importance on reading and sharing stories with children. Evidence proves that children who are read to and share story time with an adult go on to make better attainment and progress in their literacy skills. With this in mind we ask you to support your child in their early literacy development and choose a story book every day to take home and share together. Every child will be given a book bag and reading record and story books are available to borrow from the book boxes in class. Every child who completes a reading record will receive a special Reading Medal to say 'Well Done !'

STAY AND PLAY

Stay and Play sessions will start again on Monday 7th January 2019 and are open to all children age birth - 4 years old. They are run by Julie and are FREE of charge ! These sessions offer the opportunity to play alongside your child. Just come along and join in the fun ! Sessions run from 1.30p.m-3.00p.m and new families are always welcome.

HOME FOCUS

We will be asking you to support your child's learning by taking part in a 'Home Focus' activity.

Our new 'Home Focus' is:

1. Look for machines around your home and talk to children about the job they do and how they work. Encourage children to ask and answer 'how' and 'why' questions
2. Encourage independent self-care skills like washing hands, putting on coats and shoes and using the toilet

OPEN DOOR POLICY

We operate an open door policy at Tregolls. Please don't hesitate to speak to a member of the Nursery Team if you have any problems, issues or concerns. We appreciate your support and input in your child's early education and building up good communication links is crucial for combined success. Our ultimate aim in Carnon Nursery Class is for your child to enjoy coming to Nursery and for them to achieve more than their potential!

As there is some crucial information in this letter, we kindly ask that you sign the slip below and return it asap, we then know that you are aware of all of our joint aims.

Finally can you tick the box if you **DO NOT** want your child's pictures on the school website or Facebook page

Many Thanks

The Carnon Class Nursery Team

I can confirm that I have received the letter and understand the requirement for my child in Nursery (Carnon Class)

I am ticking the box as I **DO NOT** want my child's photo on the school's website

I am ticking the box as I **DO NOT** want my child's photo on the school's Facebook page

Signed: _____ (parent/carer)

Date: _____