

Important Dates for your Diary

For full term dates sheet—check facebook page

Wed 13th Feb	-	CLOSED – STAFF INSERVICE DAY
Thu 14th Feb	-	CLOSED – HOL PLACES ONLY
Fri 15th Feb	-	CLOSED - HOL PLACES ONLY
Tue 5th Mar	-	Parents night – 3.10-4.30pm
Fri 29th Mar	-	Last day of term
Mon 15th Apr	-	Return from Easter hols
Fri 19th Apr	-	CLOSED – GOOD FRIDAY
Mon 22nd Apr	-	CLOSED – EASTER MONDAY

Other nursery news:

Elizabeth Watson has now started as our **new lunchtime assistant**. We have a **new ECP** starting in February, Sarah Milne, who has completed the Learn to Work pathway into an early years career. Sarah has recently qualified with her HNC. **Erin Little has now left having qualified** through her Modern Apprenticeship and we wish her well in her new ECP position as Letham Nursery.

We have a couple of **new volunteers and students**—Kerry Paterson (student from Perth College—Tue), Sarah Inglis (BEd. Teaching student, Thu) and Sian Murie (one day work experience).

Upcoming staff training includes Nurture (Feb and March), a “Hanen 4 Is to socialise” course for supporting children with Autism (Feb and March) and Numeracy Outdoors (April). We will try and share some of these courses and discussions with our parents.

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Our Learning Tree

January 2019



The Oak Room

What we are learning

- We are learning to listen to the story of the Tiger Who Came to Tea.
- We are talking about events and characters in the story to develop our reading and literacy skills.

Talk to me about
The Tiger Who
came to Tea.

What we are learning

- We are also learning about sharing and taking turns.
- In maths we are learning to recognise patterns.

The Acorn Room

What we've been doing

- Playing with dolls and exploring what babies need.
- Making bird food so that the birds have food in the Winter.

Talk to me about
Caring for others.

What we are learning

- How to look after ourselves and be healthy.
- How to care for others.



How can I help at home?

- Encourage me to wash my hands and face and clean my teeth.
- Let me know when I have been caring towards others and tell me how it makes you feel.

Oak Room: you can read stories to promote your child's reading and communication skills. Praise turn-taking and sharing and play turn taking and sharing games. Talk about patterns that you see around you.

SafeHealthyAchievingNurturedActiveRespectedResponsibleIncluded

What's happening at nursery?

- Story safari in the Acorn Room begins on Tuesday 29th January for Linda's group—a group for parents and children.
- Cook and Book sessions for small groups on a Friday pm in the Oak room and we are in the process of setting up a lending library.
- All key groups in the Oak room will have the chance for parents to join a slumber party to get the jammies on, read a story and talk about bedtime reading and routines, with cocoa and cookies too!
- It is time to start thinking about school for our pre-school children. You should have already registered your child for catchment school or be starting to put in a placing request or request to defer school start. PLEASE ASK IF YOU ARE STUCK!
- PATHS groups (Promoting Alternative Thinking Strategies) for pre-schoolers have started to encourage positive thoughts and attitudes towards ourselves and others—Carmen and Sue are leading these groups.

What's happening in the community?

- We will be going in our key groups on Wednesday's to the Grammar School play park and to the Library at North Inch Community Campus for Rhymetime.