



We hope you have all had an amazing Summer and you all managed to enjoy the little sunshine that we had. We would like to welcome all of our returning and new families back to Paradykes ELC and wish all of the Primary 1's a fabulous time at school.

This term we will be focussing on settling the new children, supporting them to build relationships and follow nursery routines.

There has also been a particular interest in bug hunting. We have made up some bug hunting checklists and have already found some lovely bugs in our garden.



## Stay and Play

We are hosting our first Stay and Play Session on Fri 22<sup>nd</sup> September at 10:30.

Please feel free to come along, chat to staff and have playing with your child.



### Social Media

All staff within an Early Years Setting are registered with the Scottish Social Services Council (SSSC) and follow their codes of conduct. There has been recent communication regarding the use of Social Media with service users and the importance of maintaining professional relationships. Staff are advised not to have communication with service users through social media or using their personal phone numbers. We are here for you to chat to anytime you have anything to discuss, this can be done in person at drop off or pick up, by telephone using the nursery number, through email or a suitable time can be arranged for you to come in for a meeting. Details of numbers and email addresses are below.

Parent Forum – currently this is ran through a Whats App Group, this is being revised at the moment to ensure that we are following the SSSC guidance. We will give more details of this shortly.

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### Few Reminders

- As you know we are entering Autumn and the weather can be unpredictable. Can parents/carers please provide clothing suitable for all weathers – rain jacket/wellies/hats/scarfs and a spare change of clothes.

- Nursery session times are:

#### **Mon – Fri**

Soft Start 8:30am – 9am

#### **Mon – Thur**

Collect between 2:40pm – 3pm

#### **Fri**

Collect between 12:10pm – 12:30pm

### **Going Spare?**

**If you have any of the following at home going spare we would love to make use of them:**

**Junk Modelling Resources**

**Baby Dolls and Clothing**

**Spare Clothes**

**Bike Helmets**

**The children are also looking for a car jack for our construction area.**

# Nursery Holiday Dates 2023/2024

## Autumn

- Term starts: Wednesday 16 August 2023
- Autumn holiday: Friday 15 September to Monday 18 September 2023 inclusive
- Midterm:
  - All break: Friday 13 October 2023
  - Pupils resume: Tuesday 24 October 2023
- Term ends: Friday 22 December 2023

## Spring

- Term starts: Tuesday 9 January 2024
- Midterm:
  - All break: Friday 9 February 2024
  - All resume: Monday 19 February 2024
- Term ends: Thursday 28 March 2024

## Summer

- Term starts: Tuesday 16 April 2024
- May Day: Monday 6 May 2024
- Victoria Day: Monday\* 20 May 2024
- Term ends: Friday 28 June 2024

## Staff development/non-pupil days

- Monday 14, Tuesday 15 August 2023
- Monday 23 October 2023
- Monday 8 January 2024
- Monday\* 20 May 2024