



Uryside School Nursery Term 3 – January - March 2020

Dear Parent/Carer,

I would just like to start by welcoming all our children, parents and carers back after what I hope was a wonderful holiday. I would also like to welcome our new children and families, who are phasing in gradually over the first few weeks.

The Term Ahead

We have a busy time ahead of us this term, where we are going to be learning and experiencing lots of new, fun and interesting subjects.

We are going to celebrate the following events:

- Scottish Languages Week (W/c 20th January) by learning some songs and poems and through listening to Scottish stories. We will end the week with our very own nursery 'Burn's Supper'.
- Chinese New Year celebrations (27th January - 7th February) where we will be learning about the New Year celebrations with the kind help and assistance from one of our mums, who helps to run the school's Chinese Club. It is a great opportunity for nursery to learn about another culture.

We will also be focusing our learning on animals this term.

Nursery Admissions

Applications for children to attend nursery from August 2020 can be done online. The dates these applications will be available online is from 20-31st January. The website address is as follows:

www.aberdeenshire.gov.uk/applyfornurseryplace

Or

www.aberdeenshire.gov.uk/elcc

Returning nursery children must also complete an application form.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

New starts will attend full time: W/c 20/01/20

February Mid Term:
13th, 14th & 17th February

In-service:
18th & 19th February. The school and nursery will be closed on these dates.

Extended Hours / Provision in Nursery

Uryside Nursery will be operating an '1140' model from August 2020. This means that Uryside Nursery will open from 8am-6pm.

Sessions will run from approx. 8am-1pm and 1pm -6pm during the whole year, with the exception of the two weeks holiday at Christmas. Please indicate your preferred sessions on the application form. Applications will be processed by our central Early Years team, therefore there we cannot guarantee that you will necessarily get all the session times requested.

Snack Fees

Snack fees are calculated yearly and new starts will receive their snack fee notes in due course which will be placed in your child's tray. Snack fees can either be paid termly or yearly, whichever you prefer. Payments can either be made by cash or cheque to Uryside School Fund. Please hand in all snack fees to a member of the nursery staff. Thank you.

Appropriate Outdoor Clothing

To ensure your child can enjoy the opportunities available to play outside in our Nursery garden please provide suitable clothing for the winter weather. For example, gloves, hats, scarfs, a warm jacket and waterproofs and wellies if wet. Please ensure all items have your child's name written / attached onto them.

Lost Property

We have a lost property box located in our cloakroom, please take a moment to check this as we have an ever increasing number of items waiting to be claimed.

Parent Involvement

At Uryside Nursery we feel that it is extremely important to involve parents/carers in what we do. We are looking for parents and carers who are interested in the following areas to join us within the setting:

Story time
Baking
Gardening

Gym time
DIY – developing our garden
Nursery Events

If you are interested in joining us to develop our learning, please complete one of the forms available in the cloakroom and return it to a member of staff; we can then arrange a suitable time for you to come in.

'Library day' will change each term to ensure that all children at Uryside Nursery receive this opportunity throughout the year. This term it will be on a Friday.

Question of the month

Also located in our cloakroom under the 'Parents Notice Board' is our question of the month. This month's question will be available shortly. We would love to hear your views about different aspects of the nursery. We keep it nice and quick for all the working mums and dads, all you have to do is read the question and pop a gem in either of the white jars.

The result from our previous question of the month received 49 yes responses from parents. Many thanks for taking part. The question was:

Would you be interested in attending Parent Workshops focusing on Learning and Nurture in the Early Years. For example: The benefits of attention and listening, reading at home and the importance of health & wellbeing.

Please note; all our nursery newsletters will be uploaded onto the Uryside School website which I have linked below as well as displayed on the notice board. If you do not have access to the online newsletter and wish to have a copy please see a member of staff.

<http://uryside.aberdeenshire.sch.uk/nursery/>

Many Thanks
Ms Merchant and the Nursery Team.