

NEWSLETTER Term 1 September 2019

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Welcome back everyone and a warm welcome to all our new families. We hope you all had a great summer break.

As you know we have increased our intake this year to accommodate a high volume of new Primary 1's. Thank you for your patience since the start of term as we got to know everyone and established a routine. I'm pleased to report that everyone seems to be settling in well. Please remember if you have any queries regarding your child or fees see the manager when you collect your child or call or text on the number above.

If your child is off for any reason please be sure to contact us directly as the school cannot take responsibility for informing us. In the event of absence please contact us at the telephone number above.

### **Staff**

Welcome to Morgan who will be with us on a Thursday after school. Kerriane has joined us at breakfast club on a full-time basis. We are now using two rooms in the morning in order to accommodate the increase in numbers.

Erin and Kelly have some interesting ideas for the children this term so we look forward to seeing the creativity flow.

### **SHANARRI**

At HLP we incorporate the SHANARRI wellbeing indicators into our everyday practice. We facilitate learning through various forms of rest and play. Please feel free to chat to us when you collect your child or ask your child to show you our displays.

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Our visits to Westerton Care Home started in February and take place fortnightly. Kelly will be arranging for the visits to Westerton Care Home to start again in the next couple of weeks. Permission will be sought should your child wish to go.

This has been a positive experience for both children and residence and we are pleased that we are able to continue our involvement in the community. Thank you for your support.

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### **Quality Assurance Scotland**

Having recently received our Quality Assurance GOLD award from SOSCN, we will continue to seek feedback from parents and children in order to continue to improve our service and maintain a high quality service. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

### **Celebrations**

In October we will celebrate Halloween. Details of our Halloween disco will follow shortly.

We also learn about different cultural celebrations throughout the year. If you feel that you can offer support or information please speak to a staff member.

A full list of celebrations and dates are displayed within the unit.

### **All Weather Play**

Please remember as the weather is unpredictable at this time of year, we will continue to play outdoors. We encourage child development through free play which can often involve children getting dirty. Our daily outings can also include trips to the woods or play park where it may be muddy. We encourage you to send your child to ASC with a full change of clothing/wellies. When the snow falls, we will be sledging so it is important to please ensure your child has appropriate clothing and footwear to change into. You are welcome to leave spare clothes/wellies in the unit.

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### **Training**

All current and new staff have updated their basic training and will continue with personal development throughout the year. All staff are trained in child protection and Cheryl recently attended training through the NSPCC and is now the designated child protection officer for the service.

### **School Closure**

The school is also closed on the following dates:

September weekend Friday 27<sup>th</sup> - Monday 30<sup>th</sup> September. In-service day 1<sup>st</sup> October.

In-service day Friday 11<sup>th</sup> October. October week Monday 14<sup>th</sup> – Friday 18<sup>th</sup> October. There will be a full day service from 8am-5.45pm Monday-Thursday and 8am-5.30pm Fridays during October week. Please ask a staff member for more information.

### **Fees**

Please refer to our fee policy ensuring fees are kept up to date and are 2 weeks in advance. Please do not hesitate to see the unit manager should you have any queries regarding fees.

Annual statements have been sent by email to parents to assist with keeping track of fees due. These can be used as working documents.

Please remember to join us on FACEBOOK. Also check out our website on [www.happylittlepeopleafterschoolcare.org.uk](http://www.happylittlepeopleafterschoolcare.org.uk) where you can be kept up to date with all the latest information and dates for your diary.