



Confirmed dates for this term:

06.11.17: Group 1 swimming

09.11.17: Rev. Chris Fulcher will be visiting and have a story about Remembrance Day.

13.01.17: Group 1 Swimming

18.11.17: Argyll Animal Aid Table Top Sale: We still require lots of donations for prizes. We also need more helpers for the stall, we have 2 so far, it will be between 11am and 3pm, even if you can do an hour that would be most helpful, please just add you name to the list in the hall.

20.11.17: Group 1 swimming

23.11.17: Open evening, Come along and find out more about why we do what we do. There will be different stations around the nursery for you to find out more about the Curriculum, PAtHs, Seesaw, Developmental Milestones Toolkit, also just to have a look around and have a chat with the ladies. This is not a parents evening in terms of speaking privately one to one with your child's keyworker, it is just about the day to day learning in the nursery. If you feel you need to speak to your child's keyworker, this can be done any time in their day to day, but please schedule an appointment to ensure they are free.

27.11.17: The centre will be closed for staff in service training.

04.12.17: Group 2 swimming

11.12.17: Group 2 swimming

13.12.17: We have been asked to sing our Nativity songs for the guild, further information will be given as we get it.

14.12.17: Rev. Chris will be visiting to tell us about the Christmas story.

18.12.17: Group 2 swimming, and Rosie Cheeks Soft Play

Children who normally attend on a Monday are invited to join us for the full day in the church hall 8.35am to 3.30pm. All children must bring a cold packed lunch and a drink, we will have Rosie cheeks soft play this day. Children who have been

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swimming are welcome to join us after their session, parents will need to transport them from Atlantis back to the church hall. Please make sure your child's name is on ALL of their belongings. Including nursery jumpers, bags, lunch boxes etc, you cannot have your child's name on too many things.

19.12.17: Nativity Performance: ALL children regardless of which days they attend are invited to come and perform in the Nativity. Children should arrive at 8.45am with the performance starting at 9.30am (always an approximate time) then you are invited to stay for tea, coffee and mince pies afterwards. Children will leave with you after the Nativity, Wrap Around provisions are the same if this is your child's usual day for Wrap Around Care.

20.12.17: Cinema Trip and Atlantis Leisure: If a Thursday is your child's usual day for attending, then they are invited to join us at the cinema for a treat. We will meet at the cinema at 9.30am, we do not know which film it will be, but it will be U rating. This will be another full day session for the children, so as before please bring a cold packed lunch and a drink please put it in a back pack as children will be carrying them themselves and will also need their hands free to hold hands when walking out on the street. After the cinema, we will walk up to Atlantis Leisure, where we will eat our packed lunches, have a play on the soft play and then we have the old studio for games and dancing. Children should be collected from the back Studio at 3.30pm sharp.

21.12.17: PJ and Movie day. We are back in the centre for our usual sessions, and children are invited to come in their Christmas pyjamas, dressing gown and slippers for a cosy day and we will also have a film playing should they want to watch a bit of it.

22.12.17: Christmas Party: **PLEASE NOTE THERE HAS BEEN A CHANGE OF VENUE.** The party will now be in the Golf Club at Glencruitten, as the Argyllshire is not available for us, Party starts at 9.30am and will finish at 11.30am. All children **MUST** be accompanied by an adult for the duration of the party, there will be a buffet provided and a special visitor will come to see the children! Tickets for the party cost £5 per child, and will be available from the centre at the start of December. After the party, the nursery will be closed for the Christmas Holidays and we re-open on Monday 8th January where we will be in the Church Hall for gym as normal, with Group 2 continuing their swim sessions.

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Some information:

We do not provide popcorn and drinks at the cinema, purely for health and safety reasons, the cinema is dark and we have a group of 60 children with some children as young as 2 years old and this could present a possible choking hazard.

Social Media:

When attending any of our Christmas activities, you are welcome to take photographs of your child. Please keep in mind that we have some families who have requested for their child NOT to appear on social media, please do not post photos of other children unless you have consent from their parents.

Nativity Video:

We will record the Nativity to help raise funds to cover the costs of the Christmas activities, these will be on sale for £3 each and you will be able to order them in advance (start of Dec). I hope to have them ready before we finish for the holidays. Only DVDs ordered and paid for will be made up. There will also be a donations tin at the door to the hall on the day of the Nativity.

Costs:

For the last week of term, the cost of the activities is £1201.00, this is why it is so important that we try to raise as much funds as possible to help cover the costs. We are already half-way there with the kind donation from Scottish Sea Farms, but we have a bit to go yet.

Staff Ratios:

The reason we cannot open the activities to all children if it is not their day to attend is because we have staff to child ratios that are set by the Care Inspectorate that we must adhere to, so apologies if your child isn't accessing the activities this time. The days are chosen purely on the availability of the activities and staffing we have.

John Gibb Calendars:

John Gibb has kindly offered to donate £1 from the sale of each of his calendars to the centre, he is a local photographer and his calendars are on sale now for £10 each, he usually gives us some up to the nursery to sell too.

This is the 3rd year John has donated to the centre and the funds raised last year helped towards our trip to the Sealife Centre at the end of the summer term.

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Seesaw:

Please be aware that you have to regularly check your seesaw for up to date information about what is going on in the centre and also for your child's Personal Learning Plan. This is our main method of communicating with families, so it is vital you access it, otherwise your child could miss out.

If you have the app, please make sure you have the latest version of it to access all features. If you have difficulty using the app, you can access the seesaw desktop site via safari (or google, IE, etc on android phones) just go to the following page: <https://app.seesaw.me/> or google seesaw. There is also a link to the desktop site on our nursery Facebook page.

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