



As you know, Ross, our nursery assistant retired recently. We had a wee party for him with the children and I know he really appreciated the gifts, cards and best wishes you all sent in for him. We wish Ross all the very best for his retirement. Hopefully these restrictions will end soon and he'll be able to get on with some of the things he has planned!

Ross has been ably replaced by Tara who's doing a great job of keeping the wee ones fed and watered! She's been a great addition to the team and we welcome her to Clarkston Nursery.

# Haggis Hurl

On Friday the 27<sup>th</sup> of November we'll be having our annual Haggis Hurl! The sponsor forms are on their way to you and any pennies you can drum up will be much appreciated! Fundraising is a challenge for us this year as you'll appreciate! I'm so sorry I can't invite you all to join us this year – these restrictions are a real fun squasher!! But we'll make sure the wee ones have fun at least. If your child doesn't come on a Friday, they'll have the opportunity to take part on the last day they do attend that week. It's always good fun as the wee ones try to catch as many Haggis as they can!

# **Outward Bound**

This is going really well. The children are loving building dens at the local park, and they even take their snack with them and have a picnic! Hopefully all of the children will have an opportunity to take part as the year rolls on.

### Clothing

Can you keep in mind that the children spend some time outdoors everyday and make sure they're dressed appropriately for the weather.

Can I also ask that anyone whose child has come home wearing nursery clothes, pants or socks for whatever reason, can you return these to us please? We've completely run out of socks!! Thank you.

# Learning

We're doing a bit of learning around the passing of time with the wee ones at the moment. So, days of the week, the changing seasons, darker nights – that kind of thing. If the opportunity occurs for you to extend this at home, it's a great way of helping children cement their learning.

#### **Photos**

I'm really missing being able to have you all in nursery at the moment! As you know it's one of my favourite parts of this job – but what can we do! Keep an eye on the windows of the door at drop off and collection. We're posting some of the photos from the Halloween Party there this week, and next week we'll share some of the Outward Bound pics with you. At least it will give you a glimpse of what's going on in nursery till such times as we can invite you in again.

So keep safe everyone. Keep in touch with each other – and with me. It's feeling a bit like Groundhog day at the moment, so lets all look out for each other. You know where I am if you fancy a chat, or send me an email if you've any concerns. And just keep thinking about how much we'll appreciate everything, and each other, when we get back to normal!

Maureen and the staff team. x