

## Struthers Early Years Centre Session 2016-17 Bulletin 1

### Welcome

Hello and welcome (or welcome back!) to Struthers Nursery. We hope you have all had a fantastic summer holiday and are raring to go this session!

We are looking forward to seeing all our existing children - and how they have grown - and welcoming the new faces into our nursery. Starting nursery, or returning after a long break can be an unsettling time for children (and Mummies and Daddies!) and staff will do their best to help everyone settle in. This first fortnight we will support the children to settle in to nursery life, getting to know other children and staff and begin to establish rules and routines. Your child will have plenty of time to play and enjoy stories and rhymes in small groups.

Today you will have had the pleasure of meeting your child's key worker. Unfortunately Mrs Kerr will not be with us for a couple of weeks and I am delighted to be looking after the Red Group. I am also available to discuss all children's progress or any concerns or queries you may have alongside your child's key worker. Miss Rankin will be joining us in Mrs Kerr's absence and we hope you will make her feel very welcome as she settles into our Struthers family!

### Welcome Evening

The school is hosting a welcome evening on **Monday 21<sup>st</sup> August** from **6:30-7:30pm**. This will begin with all parents in the hall and then there will be an opportunity to go and meet your child's teacher(s). In the Early Years Centre we will be available for questions and we will also be discussing profiles and personal plans for our new parents. We hope to see some of you there!



### Parent Survey Childcare Hours

The Scottish Government have now pledged that by 2020 early learning and childcare hours will increase to 1140 hours per year.

We are seeking the views of parents/carers on how we could plan for the future and provide flexible early learning and childcare that meets the needs of children and families in our communities.

Parents and carers can have their say by visiting <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/PMD77KL>

## Communications

We hope all our new parents have received their welcome pack - everything you need to know can be found in here or on our website. If you haven't yet received this please let us know and we can get this to you!

We share updates through our regular bulletins, these are on our website and also on edmodo - there is more information on this in your welcome pack.

Please keep your eye out for the bulletin each week and let us know if you haven't received one/can't access it online. We always encourage you to ask at any time if you have any questions or queries and staff are available to do so at pick up/drop off times!