



CAMBUSBARRON VILLAGE NURSERY

Our Service

We provide high quality early learning experiences for children from 2½ to school age. We operate in partnership with Stirling Council to offer fully funded (free) places to children from the term after their 3rd birthday*. We welcome younger children on a fee paying basis.

Opening Hours

We offer 6 hour sessions between 8:45am and 3:15pm.

We are a Community Interest Company

We are a nonprofit making organisation and any surplus is invested back into our service for the benefit of our community.

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Welcome to our Nursery and session 2019/2020



We have been so pleased to see our children back after the summer break and to welcome and get to know our new children. We are very grateful to everyone for their patience over the last few weeks as we settle into the new longer day and routine.

Lunches

Serving lunches has been a huge change for us and we'd like to say a big thank you to everyone - you have really got on board with us as we try to reduce waste when providing children's packed lunches. We feel we haven't quite got our timings for serving food quite right yet - it often it feels like we are only finished serving one lot of food when it is time for the next. Please bear with us as we

develop our scheduling. If you have any questions or issues about snack or lunches please speak to a member of staff.

Bread

We have been making sourdough bread daily with the children and involving them as much as possible in the process. This is a great learning opportunity, not only do children learn that there is effort involved in making a meal, they gain satisfaction and confidence from seeing and eating the results. Children are developing their numeracy skills as we weigh, measure and time the process. Children are being introduced to the science behind bread, gluten proteins are stretched as we knead while the sourdough starter we use needs fed daily to encourage the bacteria and wild yeast in the air around us to ferment and make it bubble. Add to all of that the physical skills developed as children mix and knead, the language developing from exposure to new words and, of course, social skills such as sharing, cooperation, taking turns and team work.

We have also been berry picking and have made our own jam to put on the bread. We picked a good crop of apples so they will be featuring in our snack menu for a few sessions to come.



Woodland Play

I am delighted to say that our woodland play sessions will be starting next week (w/b Sept 9th). Over the coming weeks we plan to trial how best to arrange these given the longer session. Initially, we will run only one session per week alternating between Mondays and Thursdays (this means that all of our children should have the opportunity to attend - please let me know if I've got that wrong!) Our first session will be next Thursday (September 12th), the following week it will



be Monday September 16th. Sessions will start at 9am and we will meet at The Garages (at 44 Gillies Hill). We plan to spend a few hours in the woods and then we will walk back down to the Community Centre and children should be collected from there as usual. Please remember that Woodland Play Sessions run irrespective of weather (our only exception for this is extreme wind) and children should come dressed for Scottish weather! Our Woodland Play Handbook is available on our website and provides guidance on what to wear and what to bring. I will be setting up a WhatsApp group for woodland play so that we have easy communication - if you prefer not to be part of this please let me know.

Woodland Play Session dates for Autumn Term :

Thursday September 12th, Monday September 16th, Thursday September 26th, Monday September 30th and Thursday October 10th,

I would like to arrange an Woodland Play open session and invite parents to attend so that you can see and experience what these sessions involve. Details for this will follow shortly. Last sessions we also held a Dark Woods session which was extremely popular with children and parents. With the

darker nights arriving shortly we will plan a repeat, probably sometime in November.

Profiles/Personal Plans

You should all have received a copy of your child's personal plan. This gives us important and useful information on how to best care for your child. There is also a section where you give us permission for things such as providing first aid and taking photographs. It is important that we know whether we have permission for such things so please complete the form and pass it back to us by the beginning of next week (Monday Sept 9th).

Facebook

I will be setting up a private facebook group so that staff can share photos and information about sessions with parents and families. If you are not a facebook user please let me know as I can set up an alternative.

Parental Involvement

Parental involvement was a key feature of our predecessor organisation as it required a parental committee and parents to help during sessions on a rota basis. This level of involvement was, we know, difficult, daunting and even impossible to manage and is one of the reasons for our move to the social enterprise model. That said, we know there are many significant benefits to having parents active and involved in our service. The connection parental involvement creates between nursery and home encourages children to feel more secure in our environment and shows them that parents not just value learning but value their learning. Parents get a better idea of what happens in nursery and are able to link learning at nursery with learning at home. Stronger relationships between home and nursery make it easier for parents to approach staff with questions or problems, and vice-versa.

At CVN we want you to know that we value parents but we also understand that being the parent of young children is a full time job which many are juggling alongside paid employment and other caring duties. But, if you have the time and availability to be involved, please let us know. You might like to come in one session simply to see what goes on, or maybe you and your child have a favourite story or song you'd like to share? It doesn't need to be a full session or a regular commitment. We will also be holding our first AGM at the end of the month and, if you would like to know more about us and be involved in shaping our future, come along join our board of directors.



Official Opening

We are thrilled to be having an official opening ceremony on Thursday September 19th at 4pm in the Community Centre Garden. This will be a celebration of our achievement in becoming Cambusbarron Village Nursery, securing Stirling Council partner provider status and successfully registering Care Inspectorate. Please come along and join us.

Dates for your Diary

September

Thursday 12th - Woods

Monday 16th - Woods

Tuesday 24th - Needle & Natter MacMillan Coffee Morning

September 26th - Woods

Monday 30th - Woods

October

Thursday 10th - Woods

Monday 14th - Friday 18th - October Holiday

Admissions

Parents wishing to enrol their child at Cambusbarron Village Nursery should contact Lynda in our office (admin@CambusbarronVillageNursery.com/01786 430497).

Kind regards

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Lynda', with a long horizontal stroke underneath.