

Welcome

Welcome to our first newsletter for this school year. The Nursery will produce a newsletter each month to keep parents informed of the activities in which the children have been, or will be engaged in. The newsletter is designed to help you discuss school events with your children, especially with those who remain 'tight-lipped' about what they do each day! We hope you enjoy our newsletter and we welcome and look forward to your feedback, thoughts and ideas on how to make it an even better resource for you and your child.

We will also attach a copy of the main songs and rhymes we learn each month (starting in October) so you will know what your child is singing in the back of the car or in the bath and you can join in too!

I am really looking forward to working with you and your child this year,

Best wishes,

Mrs Julie Smyth

Routines in the Nursery

Routines are very important in the Nursery. They help the children to develop independence and responsibility as well as encouraging them to make decisions for themselves.

- Encourage your child to take off his/her own coat and hang it on the correct peg in the mornings.
- The children self-register by putting their apple faces on the apple tree outside the Nursery classroom door. Please encourage your child to do this him/herself. The children then take their apple back off the tree on their way home.
- Help your child to practise saying "Good morning" to staff when they are greeted in the morning. This encourages the children to 'use their voices' and can help them connect with the staff in a positive way before beginning their session.

Topic

Our topic for the month of September is Settling in. The children will be provided with opportunities to get to know each other, make new friends and become familiar with our Nursery environment and routines. We will focus on the colours yellow, blue and green. The children will explore a range of books including Dora's First Day at School, Owl Babies, Parrot goes to Playgroup and See You Later Mum.

Reminders

Please ensure that you have left in 1 box of tissues, 1 packet of baby wipes and 1 bottle of hand sanitiser into the Nursery as the children use these in large amounts throughout the year. The children will also need a pair of wellies (in order to play in the sand house and explore the sensory garden) and a complete change of clothes in case they have a toileting accident or get wet during play. Each item of clothing should be labelled with your child's name and placed in the brown bag on their peg. Snack money is £12 for each month. Please use the envelope provided to pay your child's snack money at the start of each month.

Nursery Code

When talking to your child about nursery please reinforce these important rules at home.

1. **Walking feet** (no running)
2. **Kind hands** (no hitting)
3. **Use your talking voice**
4. **Remember your manners**
5. **Finish your activity**

During September the staff places a great deal of emphasis on getting to know the children and introducing them to the various routines and rules associated with the nursery. We recognise that all children are individuals with different interests and characteristics and that some children may take longer than others to adjust to school life. We try to make this transition from home to school as smooth and supportive as possible and we rely on your help and support to facilitate this.

SUGGESTED ACTIVITIES TO DO WITH YOUR CHILD AT HOME

- Talk to your child about his/her day at school
- Tell him/her about your day
- Encourage him/her to say 'good morning' when coming in to nursery
- Encourage him/her to listen and carry out instructions
- Encourage your child to be independent e.g. putting on and taking off sweatshirts, coats and shoes, tidying away toys and hanging up clothes.
- Read traditional fairy stories and nursery rhymes to him/her. This will reinforce the stories read in school

Parent's Notice Board

There is a parent's notice board situated in the cloakroom area. All important information along with the monthly newsletter will be displayed here. Please feel free to take a copy of any information sheets left in the plastic tray mounted to the wall.

Lending Library

There is a parent and child lending Library situated in the nursery corridor. This library consists of a selection of books for you and your child to borrow. We ask that you make use of this great resource. You are asked to record the date and name of the book you are borrowing in the folder provided and write the date when you return it.

Birthdays

We would like to wish the following children a happy birthday:

Olivia 3rd September

Ava 15th September

Charlie 16th September

Conor 21st September

Jamie 24th September



Volunteers

If you would like to volunteer in Nursery we would love to see you. You could come on trips, help with parties or story sessions—the list is endless! Also, if you have an interesting job or hobby our Nursery children would love you to come in and talk to us and tell or show us what you do. Please speak to Mrs Smyth if you are interested. Don't be shy!

Outdoor Learning

Research has proven that the outdoor area can be a great learning environment for all children with the potential to make their learning more purposeful and meaningful.

We are blessed to have a great outdoor space in our Nursery. However, it is in need of some maintenance - area needs power hosed, house needs perspex window replaced, tables, house etc. need painted (all paint has been purchased). I appreciate that you may not have much free time but if you would like to volunteer for a few hours I would be delighted to work alongside you to carry out this much needed maintenance, which will help to enhance your child's learning in the outdoor area. I can arrange for the school to be open at a time that suits you (including the weekend). I look forward to working with you to enhance this area.