October Newsletter

Dear parents/carers,

It is hard to believe that we are into our second month of the school year. The children have had lots of successes to celebrate already and we encourage you to use the school website as a way to chat to your child about all they are doing. I know that it can be difficult to keep track on all that is happening in school but please be aware that we are available to speak to you should you have any concerns or queries, at the beginning and end of your child’s session, or if that is not suitable please ring the office at any stage and we will get back to you.

BREAKFAST CLUB

This has now begun and operates as a ‘pay as you go’ service at a cost of £2 per day. This club opens at 8.20am each day and can be accessed via the main door at the front of the school (NB. Staff are also arriving at this time so please do not block this area and move on as quickly as possible)

COVID INFORMATION

Please see the website or facebook page for the most up to date guidance. We thank you for your cooperation so far with this. It is essential that if your child displays ANY of the symptoms contained in the guidance, they do not attend school. Please keep school informed at all times via telephone during the school day or, if out of school hours, via private message on the facebook page.

I have had a lot of queries regarding possible school closures. We have had no information regarding this and although I am aware there is a lot of media speculation surrounding this, there has been no direction from the Executive as yet. I will endeavour to keep you informed of any developments from DE and in the meantime, want to reassure you, that we are following every guidance to ensure the health and safety of your child, whilst maintaining our priority to give each of them a full and high quality nursery experience.

SCHOOL WEBSITE

Reminder that each class has their own page in the ‘news’ section and this is updated weekly.

Copies of all rhymes and songs we are using in school are available for you in the ‘parent information’ section. Children’s monthly learning intentions are also available in this section for your information.

SPRING PLANTING

This month we will be planting daffodils in school with the children which they will then be able to take home and look after. *We would appreciate any donations of small plastic plant pots to help us with this.*

CLOTHING

Please ensure your child has a coat each day, as the weather begins to change and children are wearing hats and gloves etc. We encourage children to store these by putting them into the sleeve of their coat. We would really appreciate if you could reinforce and adopt this practice at home as it helps us keep track of belongings. It is ESSENTIAL that all items of school wear, particularly coats and shoes, are clearly named as children often have same or similar coats and it is impossible for staff to keep track of this.

AUTUMN WALK

We are delighted to have been given the go ahead for our Autumn Walk to Castlecoole on Friday 16th ( AM and FT session) and Monday 19th (PM). We will travel by Translink and the children will be supervised by staff. Children MUST wear a warm waterproof coat and wellies will be supplied by school.

In addition to this, your child will be receiving a paper bag for home so that they can collect some Autumn things to be used in school for Artwork and displays. In school, we are talking about Autumn colours and the changes that we are observing. It would be great if you could find time to take your child on an Autumn walk to collect items in their bag. This will provide a lovely opportunity for your child to share with you some of the things they are learning. Bags should be returned to school on Monday

PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS

You have been allocated a ten minute slot for you to chat to your child’s teacher about how they are settling in. This time is available to view on your child’s class website page or on the parent noticeboard at the gate. The teacher will ring your child’s first named contact unless otherwise directed. Please let school know if you are not available for this meeting.

NURSERY FUND

Please ensure this is paid on the first Monday of each month or if you prefer, can be paid termly.

GOLDEN RULES

We follow the Golden Rules in school and your child has been learning about these in class. Perhaps you could take a few minutes to talk to your child about these

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WE ARE KIND AND HELPFUL
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WE LOOK AFTER THINGS
WE TRY HARD

KEY DATES:

14th,15th and 21st Oct: Parent interviews

16th Oct: Autumn walk ( FT and AM session)

19th Oct: Autumn walk ( PM session)

Mon 26th-Fri 30th Oct: Half term holiday