

NURSERY

Autumn Curriculum Letter



September 2018

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to St. Joseph's Nursery! We would like to begin by taking this opportunity to introduce the Nursery team. Your children's teachers are Mrs Lawson (Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays) and Miss Anderson (Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays) and we will be assisted by Mrs Reeve, Miss Bates, Miss McConnell, Miss Quinn, Miss Galeani, Mrs O'Mahony and Mrs Agbontohoma.

We are happy that the children have all settled in so well already and it is only their first full week! Well done to our parents too - you have prepared your children well and it shows! Below is some information about our nursery routines...

Morning Routines

At 8:30am, the Nursery gate will be opened - you are welcome to wait in the area outside the nursery. Please do not leave scooters or bikes in this area as we sometimes use this area for our outdoor learning.



At 8:40am, the main nursery doors will be opened.

Please encourage your child to say "hello" or "good morning" and to place his/her belongings in the right places independently, e.g. water bottle on the table and bag on his/her peg.

Dismissal Routines

At 3:00pm, the Nursery gate will be opened - you are welcome to wait in the area outside the nursery, **but please refrain from looking through the glass doors as this may distract the children!**

At 3:10pm, the main nursery doors will be opened.

Please do not gesture for your child to come to you as we are teaching them to wait until their name is called.

Please check the whiteboard entitled, 'We have a message for you...' to see if your child's name is written on it. If so, please see a member of staff - it means we have an important message/update for you.

If you need to speak to a member of the nursery team, please wait until the majority of the children have been collected first - we all need to be extremely vigilant at this time.

Curriculum



Our topic this half-term is 'Nursery Rhymes and Fairy Tales'.

We have already read 'The Gingerbread Man' (we enjoyed our gingerbread man hunt around the big school!) and 'The Three Billy Goats Gruff' (we enjoyed 'trip trapping' over our nursery bridge). We have also enjoyed lots of nursery rhymes such as 'Humpty Dumpty' and 'Incy Wincy Spider'. Ask your child to retell you these fairy tales and to sing you these nursery rhymes at home! We will provide more information on our topic activities once all the children have started the nursery.

Our role play area this half term is a 'home corner'.

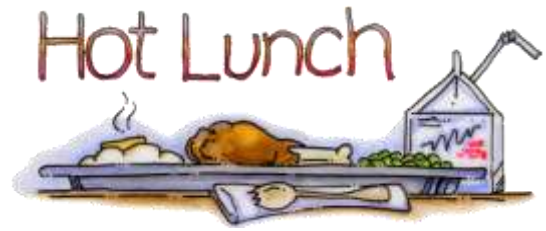
We will also be focusing on activities that help the children with the nursery routines, e.g. setting a dinner place for teddy (like the one they will have in the dinner hall) and using knives and forks to cut play-dough sausages and other food items the children have created, and playing 'follow my leader' so we can learn to walk in a line!

Reading Books



Your child will choose a story book from the nursery book corner to take home and share with you twice a week. When reading with your child take the time to help them learn how to hold a book, turn pages carefully, to name what is in the pictures, say what is happening and to distinguish between the words and pictures. Please also make a comment in your child's yellow Reading Record book, stating if s/he enjoyed the book and could talk about the book, e.g. his/her favourite part.

Please ensure your child brings their book bag and water bottle in every day.



Lunchtime

School dinners cost £1.90 per day (£9.50 per week), which should be paid directly to the school office. The money should be in a school money pocket marked 'Nursery', the amount and your child's name. It is possible to pay for a whole term. School dinner money should be in a different money pocket to nursery fees - see September letter for nursery fees this half term. Dinner money and Nursery fees can also be paid using Parentpay - see separate letter.

We will be singing songs and reading lots of engaging books about food to help the children develop a positive attitude towards mealtimes. Please support us with this by encouraging your child to try different foods at home and praise them when they try something new - thank you 😊

Reminders...

Thank you for returning the medical and contact forms containing your child's details. If you have not yet returned them, then please do so as a matter of priority. If you have misplaced one of these forms, then please do not hesitate to ask for another copy at the school office.

Please ensure all items of nursery clothing are clearly labelled with your child's name, including their coat, water bottle and book bag. This minimises the chance of loss and costly replacement.



The children are provided with fruit and milk every morning and afternoon. Please practise opening straws from cartons of drink and peeling items of fruit, where the opportunity arises - thank you 😊

Lastly, we would like to thank you all for your support - as exciting as it is, we also know that this can be an emotional time for you too!

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us at the end of the school day or make an appointment.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Lawson and Miss Anderson
(Nursery class teachers)