

Convent of Mercy Nursery School's Newsletter



February 2024

Mr Hullabaloo

Mr Hullabaloo is returning to the Nursery on Friday 2nd February for their Winter Show.

Debbie Doolittle

Debbie Doolittle will be visiting the Nursery on Thursday 8th February to support the children's understanding of how we care for animals.

The centre would be grateful for any donations of cat and dog food, cans or dried, rabbit or guinea pig dry food to help feed the animals in their care.

February Topics

The theme for the month of February is ANIMALS. We will be learning about the different types of animals from around the world - animals that live on a farm, in the jungle and in the seas. We will develop awareness of how we care for them and would ask you to send in a photograph of your family pets to encourage discussion.

PANTS Rule

In February we aim to teach the children the following safety skills without giving explicit information. Teaching them how to stay safe by learning the PANTS rules, which the NSPCC have developed to be like the Green Cross Code for staying safe.

P: Privates are private

A: Always remember your body belongs to you

N: No means no

T: Talks about secrets that upset you

S: Speak up, someone can help

We have links to the NSPCC website and the PANT song on the school website.

Discussions will be age-appropriate. Check out

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/support-for-parents/pants-underwear-rule/>

Health Visitor Meetings

The Health Visitor will be coming into the Nursery Monday 26th, Tuesday 27th & Thursday 29th February - to carry out the 3+ Review. This is a joint Health-Education initiative, which is being implemented as part of the Early Intervention Transformation Programme (EITP). We will be sending out the timetable once it is confirmed.

Getting Ready to Learn

We continue to rollout the Getting Ready to Learn Programme. To date this has included the Health Visitor meetings in February, the Lending Library books each Tuesday & Parent Pages to extend learning ideas at home or when out & about.

Don't forget to check out the Parents Zone on the Getting Ready to Learn Website.

www.gettingreadytolearn.co.uk/parents/

Vodafone

Vodafone provides guidance on staying safe online. This is a link to the Digital Parenting Guidance.

<https://www.vodafone.co.uk/newscentre/smart-living/digital-parenting/>

School Photographs

Fran Duff will be visiting the school on Wednesday 28th February to take individual photographs.

Mid -Term Break

The Nursery will be closed on Friday 9th February for a Staff Day and then for half term from Monday 12th - Friday 16th February. School will reopen on Monday 19th February.

St. Patrick's Day

We will be celebrating St. Patrick's Day with a green party on Friday 15th March. The Nursery will be closed on Monday 18th.

Early Easter

Easter is early this year - we will close at 11am on Holy Thursday (28th March) Easter Holidays: Friday 29th March - Friday 5th April Reopening Monday 8th April

People Who Help Us

In preparation for the March topic of People Who Help Us - we are asking for parent volunteers to come and speak to the children about their jobs - so if you are a builder, nurse, doctor, farmer, mummy caring for a baby, dentist, postman or fire person to name but a few please let your child's teacher know and we can arrange a date.