

# Convent of Mercy Nursery School's Newsletter



February 2023

## Mr Hullabaloo

Mr Hullabaloo is returning to the Nursery on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> February for their Winter Show.

## Debbie Doolittle

Debbie Doolittle will be visiting the Nursery on Thursday 9th 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 nspcc.org.uk/pants](https://www.nspcc.org.uk/pants) for a parent's guide and short video

## Big Bedtime Read

Come and join us in your pj's for a Big Bedtime Read in Market Street Library on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> February with our friends from Downpatrick Nursery School - time to be 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 November, the Lending Library books each Tuesday, Parent Pages and the Big Bedtimes Read at the library.

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

[gettingreadytolearn.co.uk/parents/](http://gettingreadytolearn.co.uk/parents/)

### Vodafone

Vodafone provides guidance on staying safe online. We have a link to the Digital Parenting Guidance on the school website.

### School Photographs

Fran Duff will be visiting the school on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> February to take individual photographs.

## Mid -Term Break

**The Nursery will be closed on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> February for a Staff Day and then for half term from Monday 13<sup>th</sup> until Friday 17<sup>th</sup> February. School will reopen on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> February.**

### St. Patrick's Day

**We will be celebrating St. Patrick's Day with a green party on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> March.**

**The Nursery will be closed on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> & Friday 17<sup>th</sup> March for the St. Patrick's Day Weekend.**

### 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, postman or fire person to name but a few please let your child's teacher know and we can arrange a date.