

CONVENT OF MERCY NURSERY SCHOOL



October 2021

Dinner Money

Please ensure that dinner and snack money is paid on a Monday morning.

Snack Money £3.00

Dinners cost £12.50 per week

Dinner & snack £15.50

All money must be placed in the snack bag provided or an envelope clearly marked with your child's name and the amount.

Halloween Party

The children are invited to come to school dressed as their favourite character on Tuesday 26th October for a Halloween Party.

The Nursery will close at 11.30 on Tuesday 26th October

Halloween Break

The Nursery will be closed for Halloween Break

Wednesday 27th October - Monday 1st November

Re-opening on Tuesday 2nd November.

Child Protection

The Convent of Mercy Nursery School has a legal responsibility to care for and protect the children in its care. We do this by providing a safe, secure and supportive environment for the children. We ensure that all staff have been vetted before working in the Nursery School. Student teachers, assistants and supply teachers, will have been vetted.

Copies of the Child Protection and Pastoral Care Policies are available in the school website for parents to read.

We will provide individual copies during Parent/Teacher meetings.

Throughout the year we will be displaying a range of topics from the 'Every Child' book on the school website which develops our and the children's awareness of the rights of the child. You will receive a letter prior to this to explain the displays in more depth.

Parents Meeting

The Nursery teachers will be meeting with parents to discuss how their child has settled into the Nursery.

Weeks Beginning Monday 18th October until Monday 25th October

Meetings will be available after school, to comply with current guidance we will be offering telephone call meetings or the option to meet in the Quiet Room - the window will be open and you will be asked to wear a mask.

We are sending a message via the school website to gauge an interest in those wishing to meet in school or have a phone call before confirming the timetable.

Safety

In the interest of the children's safety please take extreme care when driving and parking in the school grounds - the speed limit is 5mph. We have limited parking so Fr. Murray has invited you to use the Chapel car-park when leaving and collecting your child (he asks that you use a parking bay in the chapel car park).

Parents are not to park their cars in the area leading to the staff car park (STAFF ONLY) or on the footpath which is for those walking to school.

FOLLY LANE IS AN ACCESS ONLY ROAD - PLEASE DO NOT PARK ON IT AS YOU MAY RECEIVE A PARKING TICKET

Please ensure that you hold your child's hand in the car park and supervise them at all times.

Clothes Bank

Cash for Clobber will pay the school for each bag of recycled items that we collect in the clothes bank, please help us to raise funds for the school by recycling unwanted clothes. All clean and dry clothes, shoes, hats, gloves, handbags, textiles and blankets can be recycled. The best quality items are then re-worn or reused in developing countries and the not-so-good quality items are shredded and recycled as wipers for the car industry. Heavy and poor quality items are recycled or 'flocked' and are used as stuffing for mattresses and sofas.

Please check the items that can be recycled on the Clothes Bank.

Lending Library

From November the children will have the opportunity to take home a library book once a fortnight to share with you at home as part of the Lending Library. We will be isolating the books for a week before reissuing them. Then in January we will introduce the packs from the Getting Ready to Learn initiative which includes activities to develop their early maths, observational, fine motor and gross motor skills.



Congratulations
to Fionn Bell and
family on the
birth of baby
Callan



Congratulations
to Caitlin Carlin
and family on
the birth of
baby Emily

October Topics

The themes for the month of October will be AUTUMN and HALLOWEEN.
We will be looking at the changes around us, the leaves falling
and changing colour.

We will be listening to Meg and Mog and other stories.
We will be asking the children to look out for black and orange objects around
the home or when they are out and about.

THANK YOU

It is so lovely to have the school full again, the children have settled very well
into the Nursery, learning new routines and developing new friendships. The
Board of Governors and staff would like to thank you all for your help and
co-operation during the settling in period. It continues to be an unusual time
and we greatly appreciate that you have ensured that you follow the one way
system, that one adult only wearing a mask brings the children and you keep us
so well informed of any absences or COVID-19 issues.

PLEASE REMEMBER TO CONTACT US OUT OF HOURS AT
conventofmercyns@outlook.com - if anyone within your family or a close
contact has developed symptoms or test positive.

Front Door

In the interest of Health and Safety the school doors will open and close as
follows.

	<u>DROP OFF</u>	<u>COLLECT</u>
<u>Group 1</u>	8.55 - 9.05	12.50 - 1.00
<u>Group 2</u>	9.05-9.15	1.00 - 1.10

(If you have to collect your child early please inform a member of staff)

- PLEASE ENSURE THAT CHILDREN ARRIVE AND ARE COLLECTED PROMPTLY
- FOLLOW THE ONE WAY SYSTEM
- DON'T STOP TO CHAT IN THE CAR PARK - WE HAVE BEEN ASKED TO REMIND YOU OF THIS