

Convent of Mercy Nursery School Newsletter



November 2020

Parent Teacher Meetings

The Nursery teachers will be meeting with parents to discuss how their child has settled into the Nursery. Parents Meetings will be held weeks beginning Monday 9th and Monday 16th November.

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

Please book in with a member of staff for a time that would suit - we will have a timetable sheet.

Home Packs

Email conventofmercyns@outlook.com with any suggestions for the school website & what you think might be helpful if we have to home school the children in the future. Was there enough in the October Home Pack - could you find the Home Learning Section on the Website & the stories?

Learning Library

We will be starting a Lending Library in November - when the children will get to select a book to take home each Tuesday.

Please return the library bags each Monday and once isolated for 72 hrs we can reissue another book.

Children's Belongings

As the weather is getting colder it is essential that all children are sent to school with a warm coat and hat, outdoor play is an important part of the Nursery curriculum. We don't use scarves as they may get caught on the slide or a bike.

Please ensure that all children's clothes and belongings (especially coats and jumpers) are clearly labelled with their name.

Getting Ready To Learn

We are taking part in this initiative and aim to introduce it throughout the year - we are focusing on the Big Bedtime Read, Happy Healthy Kids and Education Works in Pre-school.

In the autumn term we have introduced our Lending Library and will be carrying out the 3 years+ Health Review alongside Health Visitors - this year this will be via a phone consultation.

Songs and Rhymes

- Head, shoulders, knees and toes

Show Five Fingers

Show five fingers; let me see
Show four fingers; touch your knee
Show three fingers; touch your nose
Show two fingers; touch your toes
Show one finger, let me see
With this finger, point to me.

Two little eyes

Two little eyes to look around
Two little ears to hear each sound
One little nose to smell what's sweet
One little mouth that likes to eat.

If you're happy and you know it

If your happy and you know (clap your hands), if your happy and you know it (clap your hands), if your happy and you know it and you really want to show it, if your happy and you know it (clap your hands).

2. (nod your head) 3. (stamp your feet) 4. (whisper we are) 5. (do all four - clap hands, nod your head, stamp your feet, whisper we are)

November Topics

The theme for the month of November will be **MYSELF**

We will be looking at our faces, discussing eye and hair colours.

Also our families, who is the eldest, youngest, tallest or shortest. Please send in a picture of when your child was younger or a special event so we can discuss how they have grown with their friends. (Photos will be returned)

Free App's for phones & tablets

Story Creator - allows you to make a photo album of day trips out or can be used to prepare your child for changes in daily routines.

Strawberry Shortcake Bake Shop- basic app allows you to prepare a cake mixture & decorate
AS WITH ALL APPS PLEASE SET PARENT CONTROL SO CHILDREN CAN'T ADD ON COSTS

Car Park

I ask that you continue to drive at 5mph when entering and leaving the car park. Please ensure you have parked within the parking bay to allow the maximum number of cars to use the car park.



Use the
footpath,
DRIVERS be
aware of
young children



Hold your
child's hand –
the Car park is
a dangerous
place

We are aware that arrivals & home time are a busy time so please remember that you can use the chapel car park and we ask that you come at your assigned times.

SMALL TALK NI

Small Talk NI has provided Speech & Language Support for last three years and they are able to come into the Nursery and offer Speech & Language Support. If interested please ask staff for a referral form & return by Friday 13th November.

Virtual Open Day

Due to COVID 19 restrictions we will be creating a virtual open day tour and plan to provide phone call information sessions. We are currently developing these and will be providing updates in December.

The application procedure opens on 7th January and will close at 12 noon on 29th January.

Drop Off & Collection Times

It is vital that children arrive and are collected on time. Children can be left to school between 9.00 and 9.15, if you are going to be delayed please contact the school no later than 9.30, so to be included in the dinner numbers.

Children can be collected by **ONLY** by persons over 16 years of age.

Please pay all snack and dinner monies on Monday morning

Miss Donoghue Group 1	Mrs McCoy Group 1	
Ava & Olivia, Cara, Eva, Denis, Katie, Luca, Francisco, Norah, Marieanna James, Sophia. L	Nichaella, Fionn, Corey, Lucy, Alicia, Kal, Dara, Erin, Junior Malachi, Jewel, Charley, Lottie Cillian	8.55 – 9.05 drop off 12.50 – 1.00 collection
Miss Donoghue Group 2	Mrs McCoy Group 2	
Finn O, Max, Lewis Kayden, Ariana, Isabella Sophia.W, Noah Seamus, Jack, Eleen Theo, Fionn S M, Josh	Rosa, Maisie, Hayden, Jamie Olivia, Patrick, Daithi, Grace Leo, Conan, Georgie	9.05 – 9.15 Drop off Collection 1.00 – 1.10