

# Convent of Mercy Nursery School Newsletter



November 2021

## Health Visitor Meetings

The Health Visitor will be meeting with parents to discuss the 3+ year review. Parents Meetings will be held weeks beginning Monday 15<sup>th</sup> and Monday 22nd November.

Those who have requested face to face meetings will be asked to meet in the Staff Room - the window will be open and you will be asked to wear a mask.

Please reply to the message sent via the Schools NI App to book a time that would suit - if we don't reply with an alternative time this means that you have been allocated the time you requested. Please note that the call may be from an unknown number.

## Home Packs

A number of families have received Home Packs if they have had to isolate.

Please email

[conventofmercyns@outlook.com](mailto:conventofmercyns@outlook.com) with any suggestions for the school website or suggestions that you think might be helpful if we have to provide home packs for the children in the future.?

## Learning Library

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

**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.

## 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.

**Congratulations to Erin Taggart  
& family on the birth of baby  
Eoin.**



## **Dates to Remember**

Friday 12<sup>th</sup> November –  
Mr Hullabaloo Show

Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> December (SCHOOL  
CLOSED FOR STAFF TRAINING)

## **Virtual Open Day**

Due to COVID 19 restrictions we don't expect to be able to hold an 'Open Night' for families of children hoping to attend in September 2022 - yet will be providing a virtual open day tour for the school website. We are currently developing this and will be providing updates in December – as parents who had this experience last year – is there certain information that you would have found helpful when applying? Email [conventofmercyns@outlook.com](mailto:conventofmercyns@outlook.com)

We will be posting Primary 1 information & links to local primary schools websites as we receive them. We will also be providing the dates for the application

## **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	
Leo, Louis, Ella, Reeva, Patrick, Fiadh, Isabella, Bella, Enya, Eliza, James, Dylan	Marcel, Riley, Coirle, Clodagh, Erin, Caitlin, Darcy, Ellie, Aurora, Joanna, Fionn	8.55 – 9.05 drop off  12.50 – 1.00 collection
Miss Donoghue Group 2	Mrs McCoy Group 2	
Fionn, Caoimhe, Anstey, Logan, Olivia Mae, Dearbhla, Daisy, Tess, Aria, Martin, Caiden, Joshua, Katie, Theo	Zach, Odhran, Bronagh, Cian Louis, Cormac, Rubie, Cormac, Aria, Jonah, Averine, Padraig, Gina, Clara	9.05 – 9.15 Drop off  Collection 1.00 – 1.10