

Monkstown Nursery School

Monthly Newsletter October 2020



Diary Dates

6 October– Jo Jingles will be in nursery

5-9 October: Pupil Progress Meeting: Children finish at 12:30pm all week.

20 October: Visit from Wee Critters

23 October: 12:00 noon finish for half term holidays (**School lunch will not be served**)

23 October: Nursery Rhyme Day

26-30 October Mid Term holidays

2 November: Children return to school after holidays

Child Protection & Safeguarding

Please remember that if you have any concerns about your own child or another child you should share these concerns with:

Mrs K. Wilson
(Designated Teacher for Child Protection and Safeguarding)
or

Ms L. Acheson
(Deputy Designated Teacher)

Pupil Consultation Meetings

We are very proud of the excellent relationship which exists between our staff and our parents/carers. We are confident that effective partnerships significantly benefits the learning and development of the children, therefore we aim to keep you informed about your child's progress as often as we can. We are therefore providing the opportunity for you to come to school and discuss how your child has settled into nursery during **week beginning 5 October**.

To minimise risk, we have considered the current EA guidance and we would ask you to consider the following points:

- Only one parent/carer should attend the appointment
- No children should attend
- Please enter the school via your child's normal drop-off point and sanitise your hands on arrival
- The time allocation is ten minutes
- A screen will be in place and we would ask you to wear a mask or visor
- Social distancing rules will apply when entering and exiting the school building

If you feel more comfortable with a telephone consultation this can be arranged.

Annual Report

Within in the next few days, all families should receive a copy of the Board of Governors Annual Report via email. If you have any queries regarding this do not hesitate to contact the Principal.

Nursery Rhyme Dress Up Day

As you know, our topic this half term is Nursery Rhymes. As an exciting end to this half term, the children may come to school dressed as their favourite nursery rhyme character on **Friday 23 October**. We can't wait to welcome Miss Polly, Incy Wincy, Jack and Jill or Humpty Dumpty into the classroom.



Thank you and Help Needed

We would like to say a big thank you for the donations which have recently been given to the nursery to extend our resources. The children have enjoyed using a range of loose parts outside including the sought after steering wheel and we have added to our Duplo bricks and our Happyland resources. If you have any **milk crates or decking planks** we would really appreciate them. We would also like to expand our set of familiar small world characters and would appreciate any donations of **Peppa Pig characters or Paw Patrol**.

We have had a donation of two large cable drums. **If you would be willing to help sand these down and treat these please let us know!**



Self Help Skills

We are currently working on our self help skills and we would appreciate parental support at home. Remember the more you do for your pre-school child, the more your child will learn a sense of helplessness and learn to rely on adult support. We are currently working on our self help skills and we would appreciate parental support at home. We will share a little video via Seesaw which shows some of our pupils **putting on their coat independently**. We are also focusing on **changing shoes** and putting these into our box, and **pouring our own water and milk** at lunch and snack time.



Parking

When parking outside, please be considerate of local residents. We would ask that you do not obstruct driveways and observe the flexible pick-up and drop-off times. Please do not enter the staff car park even when gates are open.

Bear Show and Tell

After the success of last week's colour show and tell, we are planning to have the children share another photo and some information about their favourite teddy bear. This will coincide with our



work around Goldilocks and the Three Bears. If you could send a photo next week we would really appreciate it. The children will be asked to *point out something special about their bear, such as an item of clothing*. The learning potential for this time is both to encourage your child to communicate information effectively to their friends, boosting their confidence and also to listen carefully while someone else is talking (turn-taking). Please make sure your child understands what is in the photo and will be able to speak (very briefly) about it!

Friday Deep Clean

In line with our risk assessment, the equipment and toys require a weekly deeper clean. As you have previously been informed previously, when the children attend on a full time basis (from Monday 12 October) the normal finish time on a **Friday will be 1pm**.