



## **Saint Patrick's Nursery & Primary School**

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### **MONTHLY THEME – PEOPLE WHO HELP US & ROAD SAFETY**

This month in nursery we will be exploring the theme of 'People who help us'. Throughout this topic we will learn about the role of fire fighters, paramedics, doctors, dentists, police, postal workers and several others. The children will have opportunities to engage in role play in the hospital, post office and hairdressers/beauty salon. We also hope that the children will have opportunities to meet some of the named workers, therefore if your job falls into any of the aforementioned roles then please let us know! The children would love to hear all about the work that you do and ask questions. This month we will be discussing road safety, this is a very important area as the children's safety is paramount at all times. We hope to teach your child all about the green cross code as well as giving them lots of opportunities to practise crossing the road using the 'stop – look – listen' routine.



**We had lots of Halloween Fun!!**



## CHRISTMAS SHOW

### **LIGHTS CAMERA ACTION**

The nursery children will be starring in their annual 'Christmas Show' on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December. The performance will start at 9.30am and will last approximately 20 minutes. We will be practising our songs and hopefully the children will sing their socks off and enjoy the preparations!

Each child will be encouraged to build on their confidence as they enjoy being a part of the group production. All family and friends are welcome to attend. There will be some light festive refreshments for everyone after the show. Tickets are £2 and will be available in the nursery a week prior to the performance.



## LUNCHES

Parents, just a reminder that you are not required to send a drink in your child's lunch box as fresh milk and water are provided.



We would appreciate if you could send in a healthy lunch consisting of one treat, this is in line with our 'Healthy Eating' policy. If you would like any more information please ask a member of the nursery team.

### **Just a reminder!**



Parents, just a reminder that we are visiting Santa's Cottage on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December for our Christmas Trip. The cost of this trip is £15 and you can spread the cost by paying in instalments over the next few weeks. Just pop the money in with your snack/dinner money and make a note of the amount on the envelope! 😊😊😊😊😊

### **Colder Weather**

As the weather turns colder we would like to remind parents to send in a coat, hat, scarf and mittens (if possible instead of gloves) to enable the children to enjoy outdoor play.

**All clothing should be marked clearly with your child's name.**

## IMPORTANT DATES



**Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> December**

Nursery Christmas Dinner

**Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December**

Nursery Christmas Show

**Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> December**

P1-P3 Christmas Show

**Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December**

Nursery trip to Santa's Cottage

**Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> December**

School Closes for Christmas Holidays

**Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> January**

School reopens – Term 2 begins

Miss Rooney will be leaving the nursery for a short time to work for the Education Authority. As whole school Shared Education Co-Ordinator in St. Patrick's, Miss Rooney was asked to share her experiences and expertise while developing the wider Shared Education Signature Project throughout the Southern Region.

Miss Rooney will begin work for the Education Authority on Tuesday and Miss Cathy Fitzpatrick will carry out her teaching duties. Miss Fitzpatrick is highly experienced and will ensure that the children's learning opportunities are thoroughly enriching and enjoyable. Miss Rooney will continue to oversee the management of the nursery and will spend some time working in St. Patrick's during her secondment period.

Many thanks to all of you for your continued support throughout the year!

*Miss Rooney*

## Some activities to do with your child at home

- Talk to your child about his/her day at school
- Tell him/her about your day
- Encourage him/her to listen to and carry out instructions
- Encourage your child to be independent e.g. putting on and taking off jumpers and coats, tidying away toys and hanging up clothes
- Sing/say the rhymes sent home on the monthly rhyme sheet
- Read traditional fairytale stories to him/her
- Point out the names of different fruits, vegetables etc to build on their vocabulary
- Point out different colours and shapes of objects in the environment
- Discuss the 'Green Cross Code' when you are crossing the road and chat about ways to stay safe when out and about
- Talk to them about different jobs people do and point out different vehicles e.g. fire engine

THANK YOU 😊

## **Your unwanted items can be nursery treasure!! 😊**

As you may notice we try to incorporate as many 'real life' objects as possible into our learning experiences. Some of the things we use and always need are:

- Cardboard boxes, cereal boxes, clean yogurt pots, yogurt drink bottles, clean bottle tops and lids
- Wool, string, fabric, buttons
- Jewellery boxes, broken or unwanted jewellery (we can use them for beads and 'treasure')
- Fishtank accessories, pebbles and shells
- Crates and pallets, rubber tyres
- Guttering and pipes, old keys and padlocks, nuts and bolts
- Planters and pots
- Gardening tools
- Wellieboots
- Magazines, greeting cards, wrapping paper, gift bags
- Unwanted crockery, pots, pans, wooden spoons, colanders, whisks, baking tins...

The list is endless! If you have unwanted items at home please check with the Nursery before you throw them out as we may be able to use them to enhance our play.

😊 THANK YOU FOR HELPING TO MAKE OUR LEARNING FUN! 😊

## **TOTS TOOTHBRUSHING CLUBS**

Research has shown that regular use of 1,000-1,450 parts per million fluoride toothpaste reduces the levels of tooth decay in children. To improve oral health toothbrushing clubs were established in facilities throughout the Southern Health and Social Care Trust in 2004.

We aim to run a 'toothbrushing club' here in nursery. We have received resources and training from the Community Dental Service, free of charge, and aim to encourage your child to brush their teeth during the school day. If you consent to your child participating in this programme then please sign the consent form in your child's class.