

# CONVENT OF MERCY NURSERY SCHOOL



October 2024

## Halloween Party

The children are invited to come to school dressed, as their favourite character on Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> October for a Halloween Party

Please note there will be NO dinners that day.

As the children are young we ask that no one wears a scary mask.

**The Nursery will close at 11.30am on Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> October**

## Halloween Break

The Nursery will be closed for Halloween Break

**Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> October - Friday 1<sup>st</sup> November.**

Re-opening on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November.

## Upcoming Visitors to the Nursery

- Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November - Big Bad Bass
- Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November - Mr Hullabaloo - Autumn Show

## Parents Meeting

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

from **Monday 14<sup>th</sup> - Friday 18<sup>th</sup> October.**

Meetings will be available first thing in the morning or as the children go home. The timetable will be sent out via the school website along with a short form asking you to share your hope for your child throughout the school year.

### 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, the changing colour on the trees or the need for a warm coat. We will be listening to Meg and Mog and other spooky stories. We will be asking the children to look out for signs of autumn & Halloween objects around the home or when they are out and about jumping on the crunchy leaves.

### Front Door

In the interest of Health and Safety the internal doors will open and close as follows once everyone has settled into the dinner routine. The main door into the hall will be open 5 mins before these times.

	<u>DROP OFF</u>	<u>COLLECT</u>
<u>Group 1</u>	8.55 - 9.05	1.00 - 1.10
<u>Group 2</u>	9.05-9.15	1.10 - 1.20

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

PLEASE ENSURE THAT CHILDREN ARRIVE AND ARE COLLECTED PROMPTLY & TAKE CARE WHEN EXITING THE CARPARK

### 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.

### 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.

### 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.

### Birthday Celebrations

Throughout the year we will celebrate all the children's birthdays with birthday buns provided by the school. **Why birthday buns & not a cake?** We changed to this option during COVID times - the child can blow out the candle on their bun & everyone else gets their own bun. Therefore no other cakes or items need to be sent into the Nursery.

### SMALL TALK NI

*We are hoping to confirm the funding for SMALL TALK NI in the next few days.*

If your child is already attending Speech & Language within the community, you are concerned about a few sounds, they would benefit from developing their listening skills or they are not yet confident chatting outside the home - we highly recommend that you take advantage of the initial screening and then support can be offered once a week within the Nursery

Caroline Morris and Kerry Mulholland have over 40 years of experience between them, working as Speech and Language Therapists and formed 'Small Talk NI' in July 2014. The goal of their business is to give parents and carers easy access to the tools and skills they need, to help their young children become confident communicators. The service is in addition to that provided by the NHS and does not replace it in anyway. We will have group and individual sessions. The programme is dynamic, progressive and fun.