

Convent of Mercy Nursery School Newsletter



November 2024

Health Visitor Meetings

Health Visitor Meeting Monday 25th, Tuesday 26th & Wednesday 27th November to carry out the 3+ Review. This is a joint Health-Education initiative, which is being implemented as part of the Early Intervention Transformation Programme (EITP).

Please book a time slot that suits you via the message sent directly to you via the school app.

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 will introduce our Lending Library and will be carrying out the 3 years+ Health Review alongside Health Visitors in November.

Learning Library

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

Please return the library bags each Monday so we can reissue another book on a Tuesday.

Dates to Remember Visitors to the Nursery

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Big Bad Bass – Friday 29th November

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.

Special Me (tune of Twinkle, twinkle Little Star)

Special, special, special me
How I wonder what I'll be
In this big world I can be
Anything I want to be
Special, special, special me
How I wonder what I'll be

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 exploring our senses, looking at our faces, discussing eye and hair colours. Also discussing our families, who is the eldest, youngest, tallest or shortest? Please send in a picture of your family or when your child was younger or a special event so we can discuss how they have grown with their friends. (Photos will be returned)

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 lines** 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.

Christmas Shows

We will be recording the Christmas Shows this year and these videos will be placed on the school website so that they can be shared with the whole family over the Christmas holidays.



Drop Off & Collection Times

It is vital that children arrive and are collected on time. Children can be left to school between 8.55 and 9.15 - depending on which group they are in, if you are going to be delayed please contact the school no later than 9.30, so to be included in the dinner numbers.



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Children can be collected **ONLY** by persons over 16 years of age - please always let us know if there is a change to who is collecting your child.

Please pay all snack and dinner monies on Monday morning.

Open Afternoon

We will be holding an allocated time slot 'Open Afternoon' for the families of children hoping to attend in September 2025 - **therefore we will be closing at 11.30am on Thursday 9th January** to facilitate those wishing to attend.

We will be releasing a timetable to allocate slots for prospective pupils & parents to visit us in early December.

We will also be providing a virtual open day tour on the school website and posting Primary 1 information & links to local primary schools websites as we receive them.

You can apply for a Nursery or P1 place for September 2025 from 12 noon on Friday 10th January until Friday 24th January at 12 noon.

Supporting documents MUST be submitted by 4pm on Wednesday 29th January to allow us to process your application.