



Newsletter Sept/Oct 2020

A very warm welcome to you all at the beginning of your child's Nursery year! We hope that you and your child enjoy your time with us in Ballyclare Nursery School! Staff are always on hand to answer any questions or queries so please don't hesitate to talk to us.

Diary Dates

At the current time our events and activities are very limited due to the on-going pandemic situation.

September:

October:

Friday 23rd- 'Big Bedtime Read' Pyjama Party- further details to follow

Nursery Closes for Halloween break- Normal Times

November:

Monday 2nd- Nursery Reopens

Friday 6th: School photographer here to take individual photographs- more information to follow

Friday 20th- SCHOOL CLOSED FOR STAFF TRAINING

December:

Monday 21st Dec- Party day and finish for Christmas Holidays- further details to follow

We are delighted to see that our website is getting regularly viewed by a growing number of visitors! Please continue to check the website regularly as there are updates, information and calendar dates being added throughout the year!

Settling In

We are in the process of our 'Settling In' period. Children will be learning our routines over the coming weeks! We will also be talking about the theme 'My Family' during this time.

Monthly 'Songs and Rhymes' for October can be found on our website under the 'Parents' tab for you to sing at home.

Session Times from Monday 5th October

From the week beginning 5th October all children will be attending for a 2 hour session everyday Monday-Friday. Currently we cannot offer the full 2.5 hour sessions as we need to ensure that we have enough time to clean, change resources and reset the classrooms in between the morning and afternoon classes.

Due to the volume of children being dropped off and collected we will be staggering these times as follows:

From Monday 5th October children who are currently attending in **Bubble A (Mon and Tues)** should arrive and be collected

from school everyday between these times:

Drop off-AM session 8:45am

PM Session 12:30pm *

Collect- AM Session 10:45am

PM Session 2:30pm *

Children who are currently attending in **Bubble B (Thurs and Fri)** should arrive and be collected everyday between these times:

Drop off- AM Session 8:55am

PM Session 12:40pm *

Collect- AM Session 10:55am

PM Session 2:40pm *

****PLEASE NOTE a change of times to the afternoon session (which was originally from 12-2pm) to 12:30-2:30pm. This is to allow Primary School pick ups for families with older children.***

The aim of staggering the drop off and collection times is to try to limit the number of children and parents outside each classroom at one time.

Friends of Ballyclare Nursery PTA

We hope to have our PTA up and running soon. Many of the usual events and activities will not be possible for them to run this year. However, we will still be thinking of ways to raise much needed funding for our school. If you are interested in being part of our 'Virtual'

PTA this year then please send them a message via their FaceBook page!

A MASSIVE THANK YOU TO THE PTA ALREADY THIS YEAR FOR ORGANISING A "LITTER PICK" TO CLEAN UP AROUND THE OUTSIDE OF OUR SCHOOL!

Upcoming events will be advertised on the PTA Facebook page, and are also available to view on our website under the 'Community' drop down menu – 'Friends of Ballyclare Nursery'

Clothing Bin

Please use the clothing 'recycling' bin that is located at our Main Entrance Gate. This is for family and local community use. Every time the bin is emptied the school receives a small donation from 'Cash for Clobber' so please use it whenever you are having a clear out!

School App

This year we are trying a new and improved version of our school app. Please ensure that you have installed our "School App" and allowed notifications via the link that you were sent. It would have been sent to the mobile number that you provided when applying for a place. If this number has changed, or you haven't received a registration message then please contact the school office. This will be used to send messages throughout the year along with photos and other information specific to your child.