

September 2024

### Welcome...

We are delighted to welcome new and returning families to Dunclug Nursery School, as your child begins an exciting journey that will help prepare them for their future learning opportunities. This is the first of our Monthly Newsletters that will keep you up to date on all the busy days of learning, play and fun activities that your child will be involved in at Nursery School. You can also find information on our facebook page, the Documents section of our school website [www.dunclugnursery.co.uk](http://www.dunclugnursery.co.uk) and on the Seesaw app.

Please take time to have a look and use the information to talk to your child about what they have been doing at Nursery School and **please pass on any pertinent information to any other adults who will be providing care to your child by dropping them off or picking them up from Nursery.**

### Drop off and Pick Up Procedures

#### Drop off

- Please **do not park in our staff car park**, as we have staff who work different time patterns who need access to a parking space. We also want to make sure we keep traffic inside our Nursery School grounds to an absolute minimum, to enable us to keep the children attending safe. If you or your child needs closer access at entrance or exit times please speak to Mrs Muir.
- Please park considerately if you are parking outside on the lay by – cars and buses need access to the Primary School and College. Please do not obstruct our entrance / exit as this is the only vehicular access to our Nursery School and this should be left clear, in case of emergency.
- If you would prefer to park and walk your child into Nursery there is a car park in Dunvale, close to the Spar that parents may use.
- At drop off times **please wait outside of our Main Entrance, on the path, for a member of staff to come and meet your child at the door.** As you will have seen we only have a small entrance hall that is not able to cater for larger numbers of parents and children, so we are asking all parents and children to wait outside our Main entrance until staff are there to greet you. If you are arriving later for your child's session please come into the entrance hall and press the buzzer for access into your child's classroom.
- Staff will be on hand to help children with their coats and to settle them at a play area.

#### Pick Up

- We will open the entrance door to the classroom 10 minutes before the end of the session.
- Please come into your child's cloakroom. When a member of staff sees you they will bring your child to you.
- Please help your child to put on their coat and check their 'home box' for any information we are sending home, or for special creations they have been busy making!

### **Induction information**

You should have received some information in the pack we gave out at your child's Introductory Play session last week. I will also be providing some information about how we can work together to settle your child into Nursery School at our **Parents' Information Meeting on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> September 7.00pm in Dunclug Primary School**. Please do not hesitate to speak to your child's class teacher or contact us with any queries before then, on 028 25644286, by email – pmuir291@c2kni.net or by direct message via Seesaw.

We build the children's time in Nursery up gradually, to enable them to settle well into their new surroundings, giving them appropriate time to get to know staff and other children in their class. We feel this is particularly important, as we settle the children into a new setting after extended periods at home in the care of their family. Mrs Bishop, Mrs Currie or I will talk to you if your child needs a more gradual build up to session time than some of their peers. We understand the difficulties this can pose when organising drop offs and pick ups and we would like to thank you for supporting us as we make sure each child's Induction is tailored to their specific needs.

### **Seesaw**

If you haven't already, please download the Seesaw app using the instructions you received in your child's pack last week. Seesaw provides an excellent means of communication between home and school.

It is also a fantastic way for us to send you snap shots of what your child will be up to during their session in Nursery.

Teaching staff will be available to respond to Parents' queries or messages between 8.00am and 4.00pm on school days. Messages received outside of these hours will be responded to the next day. We would like to remind parents that as per our Social Media policy, you should not share any photos of other children that are shared on Seesaw or on our facebook page on any of your social media platforms, to enable us to protect each child's right to privacy and parent's right to consent on their child's behalf.

### **Theme –**

Our theme for September is 'Wonderful Me.' We will share Learning goals for this topic through Seesaw and you will hopefully receive some pictures of your child busy at play over the next few weeks.

We will be taking time to get to know all of the children this month and will be giving them lots of opportunities to talk about something they are expert in – their family, friends and favourite things.

**Nursery Rhymes and Fairytales** – We will be singing lots of Nursery Rhymes in Nursery and will be reading traditional tales such as 'Goldilocks and the Three Bears' and 'Little Red Riding Hood' with the children this month. You may have some of these stories in your childhood collection that you can share with them at home! If not you might find these stories and other similar tales in the local library or online.

As Einstein said...

*"If you want your children to be intelligent, read them fairytales.  
If you want them to be more intelligent, read them more fairytales!"*

**Look out on Seesaw for links to songs and rhymes we will be singing in Nursery this month!  
Information about your child**



## Information about your child –

If you still have to complete and return forms to Nursery please do that as soon as possible. To enable us to ensure that all of your child's needs are met, please record on the appropriate forms / speak to your child's teacher if your child has any special educational needs / medical condition, or if he or she is attending any outside agencies, such as speech therapy. There is a bag in your child's cloakroom that has their name and symbol on it. We would ask that you provide a change of clothes to be kept in Nursery, if you haven't already. If your child needs to have their clothes changed we will let you know and ask you to replace the used items the following day.

## Managing sickness and limiting the spread of infection

You can expect that your child will pick up various childhood infections over the next few weeks and months! This is to be expected at this time of the year, as we approach cold and flu season in the community, which coincides with children mixing together in Nursery and Schools.

**We have a number of children in Nursery with suppressed immunity, who can suffer more adverse effects when they contract normal childhood ailments. To help us prevent the spread of these, please allow your child to stay at home to recover. The following graphic shows common illnesses, with advice on those that we need to hear about, or that require your child to be excluded from Nursery for a period. If your child presents with symptoms or has a diagnosis of any of these illnesses you can let us know either by phonecall on 02825644286, or via Seesaw message.**

**HSC Public Health Agency**

# Do I need to keep my child off school?

<b>Chicken Pox</b> At least 5 days from onset of rash and until all spots have crusted over	<b>Conjunctivitis</b> No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed	<b>Diarrhea &amp; /or Vomiting</b> 48 hours from last episode	<b>Respiratory Illness</b> (e.g colds & flu) Can return when no longer have a high temperature and well enough	<b>Glandular Fever</b> No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed	
<b>Hand, foot &amp; mouth</b> No need to stay off if well enough, but school or nursery should be informed	<b>Impetigo</b> Until lesions are crusted & healed or 48 hours after commencing antibiotics	<b>Head Lice</b> No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed	<b>Measles</b> 4 days from onset of rash	<b>Mumps</b> 5 days from onset of swelling	<b>German Measles (Rubella)</b> 5 days from onset of rash
<b>Scarlet Fever</b> 24 hours after commencing antibiotics	<b>Scabies</b> Until after first treatment	<b>Slapped Cheek</b> No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed	<b>Threadworms</b> No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed	<b>Tonsillitis</b> Can return when no longer have a temperature and well enough, school or nursery should be informed	<b>Whooping Cough</b> 48 hours after commencing antibiotics

Use this guide to find out when they should stay off, and when they can go back if they are well enough to do so.

**Nursery Fund** – We collect a contribution of £5.00 per week for our Nursery Fund. We use this money to buy healthy snacks for the children, resources for Nursery and to fund training for staff, educational visits and visitors to the Nursery.

Nursery Fund can either be paid weekly (£5.00) or termly - £70.00 for Term 1. Please make the payment by bank transfer using the details below, each Monday starting from next week, beginning Monday 9<sup>th</sup> September.

Name of Account – **Dunclug Nursery School**

Sort Code **09-07-20**

Account number **01083376**

Please make sure to add your child's FULL NAME as a reference for the payment.

**School Uniform** – The children are looking lovely in their new uniforms 😊

**Please help us out by naming all items of clothing, including coats, sweatshirts and shoes, including their changes of clothes.**

### **School Dinners**

Children in the Yellow Class will begin staying for dinner in Nursery at the beginning of October. I will let you know when your child will start staying for dinners. Like all new routines, we like to introduce the dinner routine in small groups to help children familiarise themselves with it – As you can imagine it is a busy time of the day, having up to 26 three and four year olds all eating at the same time!!!

Dinners are £12.50 per week, £2.50 per day, and should be paid for on the first day of the week that your child attends, by bank transfer using the same bank details as I have provided above.

We have been notified by the EA of some families who are entitled to Free School Meals. If you think that you may be entitled to these and haven't done so already, please apply online as soon as possible via the EA website <https://www.eani.org.uk/financial-help/free-school-meals>, as the EA Meals Service ask that parents pay for their child's meals until this entitlement has been processed.

### **Food Allergies**

We have some children in Nursery with severe allergies to certain foods. We work alongside the parents of these children to take every reasonable step to safeguard the children from the foods that may induce a serious and sometimes life-threatening reaction whilst in Nursery. We provide snack daily for all children, and will provide snacks on special occasions such as 'party' days or on School trips. To help us to protect the children's health and wellbeing we are asking parents not to send **any** other food into school, and also to refrain from allowing their child to bring any food into Nursery with them.

If you or your child have food containing *nuts* or *eggs* prior to coming into Nursery we would ask you to wash your/their hands thoroughly and give their faces a wee wipe too, to minimise the risk of the children with severe allergies coming into contact with these allergens.

We really appreciate your understanding and support with this.



## *Parents' first week Checklist !*

Please ensure that you have –

- signed into Seesaw
- returned all forms
- sent in a full change of clothes to be kept in Nursery
- sent in a box of tissues
- arranged to attend the Parents' Information Meeting on Wed 11<sup>th</sup> September at 7.00pm in Dunclug Primary School



### **Birthday Boys and Girls**

Happy Birthday all of these special boys and girls who will be celebrating their birthday this month ...

#### **Yellow Class –**

Arlo A  
Mila

#### **Blue Class -**

Isaac  
Ivy-Rose

#### **Red Class –**

Collá

#### **Green Class**

Jentzen

Many Thanks for your support as we aim to get the year off to a great start,

*Pamela Muir*

