



**February Theme:** Helping Hands

**Colour:** Pink

**Shape:** Heart

**Religion Focus:** Love

**Prayer:** O Angel of God

**Birthdays this month:** **Red Class:** 10<sup>th</sup> Logan M

**Yellow Class:** 18<sup>th</sup> Eabha, 27<sup>th</sup> Christian

This month we aim to extend the children's knowledge of the world around them and talk about people who help us in our local community. There are a series of books called 'Busy People' by Ando Twin and Lucy M Gearge about people who help us that we are currently reading with the children. Other books we will read include 'Freddie visits the Doctor' by Nicola Smee and the 'Maisy Mouse' books.



### Reminders

\*Please remember to bring a change of clothes for your child's bag in the cloakroom if these have been used recently.

\*Please remember to cut your children's grapes vertically for lunch as this is in keeping with Health Service Guidelines.

\*If you are now sending in a yogurt please send a spoon in your child's lunchbox.

Thank you

### Shrove Tuesday & Lent

We are excited to celebrate Shrove Tuesday on the 13<sup>th</sup> February this year. On this day we will freshly make pancakes with the help of the children in Nursery. Please make us aware of any dietary requirements your child may have.

Ash Wednesday/ Lent begin on 14<sup>th</sup> February year. This will fit in perfectly with our theme this month of Showing Love. This is the perfect time to encourage your child to do something nice or share kind words with a friend/ family member.



### February Fun Day

Our fun day this month is 'Sharing Love Fun Day' and will be on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> February.

### Nursery Finances

Many thanks once again for contributing towards our Nursery fund. Our financial situation is the same as many other schools and we currently are depending on our Nursery Fund for most purchases. Unfortunately our school budget allocated by the Department of Education is not adequate to sustain us at the level we are working at. The Nursery Fund is needed to pay for the daily snack that we give children, fun activities and outside entertainment agencies. (The Department of Education Funding does not cover the cost of items like this.)

The Nursery Fund can be paid £5 per week or the total for the second term is £55. If you cannot afford the full amount please consider giving a small contribution.

If you wish to pay Nursery Fund by Bank Transfer the school details are:

Santander Sort code-09 01 28

Account number-68378056

Please add your child's name and class to the payment to ensure we keep accurate records of all monies received by the school.

**Thank  
You**

## Mini's Music Funtime

Thanks to our Nursery Funds we were fortunate to be able to secure a monthly visit from Mini's Music.

## World Book Day



It is World Book Day on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March. To celebrate this all children are invited to dress up as their favourite character from a book or as a Nursery Rhyme Character. Please find attached a £1 Book Token voucher which you can put towards the purchase of a book in local stores. These are valid for use from Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> February to Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024.

## Nursery Events

### February

- Tues 30<sup>th</sup> Mini's Music Fun time
- Thurs 1<sup>st</sup> Dentist Visit
- Mon 5<sup>th</sup> &  
Tues 6<sup>th</sup> Health Visitor Appointments
- Thurs 8<sup>th</sup> Rainbow Day (Children can wear something pink)
- Mon 12<sup>th</sup> Share the Love Fun Day
- Tues 13<sup>th</sup> Shrove/ Pancake Tuesday
- Tues 27<sup>th</sup> PSNI Visit



### March

- Thurs 7<sup>th</sup> World Book Day (Children can dress up)
- Thurs 14<sup>th</sup> St Patrick's Celebration Day/ Rainbow Day  
(Children can wear something green)
- Mon 25<sup>th</sup> Easter Party
- Mon 25<sup>th</sup> Mini's Music Fun time
- Tues 26<sup>th</sup> Easter Egg Hunt



## School Holidays

The Nursery will close at **11am** on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> February, and will be closed on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> and Friday 16<sup>th</sup> for mid-term break. Nursery will reopen for children on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February.



The Nursery will be closed on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> March for St. Patrick's Day.



The Nursery will be closed from Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March at **11am** for Easter holidays. We will re-open on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> April.



\*Please note there may be industrial action- we will notify you in due course if it will affect your child's class.

## Shrove Tuesday/ Pancake Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> February

We have included a recipe for Pancakes (Drop Scones) for you to try at home!

8oz self raising flour                      ½ teaspoon salt                      1 level tablespoon of caster sugar  
1 egg    ½ pint of milk                              2oz melted butter

Method: Sieve the flour and salt, then add the sugar. Add the egg and half the milk and mix to a batter. Stir in the rest of the milk. Pour small amounts into the pan. When firm, turn and cook on the other side.

Thank you for all of your continued support. It is greatly appreciated by all staff.

*Mrs Curran & the Nursery Team*



Something to do with your child:

Cut around the smaller heart shapes with a pair of scissors and stick them onto the big red heart.

