



Castlereagh Nursery School

'Hand in Hand We Learn Together'

February 2023 Newsletter



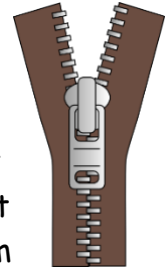
Last month the children enjoyed learning about Chinese New Year, tasting Chinese food and creating their own Chinese writing and art work. They were excited about the 'Cold Lands and Winter' topic and explored the properties of ice in the water tray.

What are we learning in February?

This month the children will be learning all about Our Homes, Animal homes and looking out for the first signs of Spring. We will be using various junk materials to make bird houses. Please send in some small boxes from your recycling bin for the children to make houses from.

Helping your child at home

Well done to those children who have worked hard to put on and zip up their own coats by themselves. What a great achievement!! Please encourage your child to attempt to zip up their own coat and put on their hat and gloves. This enables them to become more independent when we are getting ready to go outside. Please ensure you send a warm coat and a hat if possible, to school, every day with your child.



Focus Children

We hope you have enjoyed receiving the observations home after your child's focus week. We have found this very beneficial and feel we really get to know your child particularly well during that time. We are now beginning our second set of observations and hope to have these completed before the parent teacher consultations at the end of March.

Strike Action

FYI Castlereagh Nursery School will NOT be affected by teaching union strike action on 21st February. This will be a normal school day.

Parent Teacher Consultations

Dates for your Diary

We will be holding out parent teacher consultations on

Tuesday 28th March for Mrs Morrow's Class

Thursday 30th March for Mrs Jones' Class

Sheets for you to chose a suitable time slot will be placed outside each room on Monday 13th March. These are 10 minute time slots where your child's teacher will discuss their progress and show you photographs and observations of your child. Times will be available from 9am - 3.30pm.



Superhero Day

To raise funds for Cash For Kids NI the children can dress up as super hero's on Wednesday 1st March. Please do not go out especially and buy your child an outfit. A home made mask or cape would be great. Don't forget there are lots of super hero's you might not have thought about, like Anna (who can turn things to ice) and Rapunzel (who could heal people with her hair) or Harry Potter (who could do magic).



Time Keeping in the Morning

We know the mornings can be busy for all families, however, if you are running late and are going to be in nursery after 9.30am, please, please ring to advise us. Shelley needs to ring the dinner numbers through at this time and if your child appears after this time this means a second phone call is needed. It is also unsettling for your child if they are entering the class late.

Confirmed Dates for your Diary

February	
Thursday 2nd	Pre-booked Family Photo session beginning at 5.30pm
W/B 6 th	Shape of the week STAR
Friday 10 th Feb	Sonal Sports
Friday 10 th Feb	Red and pink day , wear something red or pink instead of your uniform. Suggested donation £1 in aid of Cash For Kids NI Last day of half term, school will close at 11.30am
Monday 13 th Feb	School Development Day (school closed for children)
Monday 20 th Feb	School re-opens to children
Thursday 23 rd Feb	Visit from Dental Nurse Lynn (Rescheduled from January)
Friday 17 th March	St Patrick's Day - Wear Something Green Early School closure 11.30am (no dinners)
Thursday 19 th March	Jo Jingles
Tuesday 28 th March	Mrs Morrow parent teacher interviews
Thursday 30 th March	Mrs Jones' parent teacher interviews
Tuesday 4 th April	Easter Egg Hunt 11am (Parents welcome) Last day before Easter school closes at 11.30am (no dinners)
Tuesday 18 th April	School Re opens (Normal Time)
Monday 1 st May	May Day bank Holiday
Monday 8 th May	Holiday for Coronation
Wednesday 17 th May	Amazon Jungle Show
Thurs 25 th May	Children finish at 11.30am
Fri 26 th May	School closed for current children - New children who start in Sept 23 induction sessions.
Fri 26 th - Fri 2 nd June	School Closed
Monday 5 th June	School reopens
Fri 16 th June	Streamvale Open Farm Trip
Fri 30 th June	Last day - Sing-a-long @ 11am (Details to follow)

Please check these dates each month as more activities will be added when confirmed

Songs and Rhymes for February

Family Love

I love you, You love me!
We're a happy family!
With a great big hug and a kiss from me to you!
Won't you say you love me too!



Build a House!

Build a house with five bricks
One, two, three, four, five
Put a roof on top
And a chimney too
Where the wind blows through...
WHOO WHOO

When Goldilocks went to the house of the bears!

When Goldilocks went to the house of the Bears,
Oh what did her Blue Eyes see?
A bowl that was huge,
A bowl that was small,
And a bowl that was tiny and that was all,
She counted them One, Two, Three.....



Repeat for Chair, Bed and Bear

See The Bunnies Sleeping

See the bunnies sleeping till it's nearly noon
Shall we wake them with a merry tune?
They're so still, are they ill?
Wake up little bunnies!
Hop little bunnies, hop, hop, hop
Hop, hop, hop - Hop, hop, hop
Hop little bunnies, hop, hop, hop
Hop, hop, hop...

Five Little Speckled Frogs

Five little speckled frogs
Sat on a speckled log
Eating some most delicious grubs -
yum, yum
One jumped into the pool
Where it was nice and cool
Now there are four green speckled
frogs - glub, glub
.....**Four, Three, Two, One**



Repeat with
Skip little bunnies....,
Jump little bunnies....