



Castlereagh Nursery School

**June 2024**

**Newsletter**

'Hand in hand we learn together'.

I'm sure, like us, you cannot believe this is your child's last month at Castlereagh Nursery School. For some families in particular this is the last of 3 children and in some cases 4 children through our nursery. We will be so sad to see these families leave us at the end of June. But please do not be a stranger. We love to see the children popping in when they start P1 in September. They are always very proud to show off their new uniform.

They have all had such a fantastic learning journey this year. We hope they will take with them many fantastic memories of their time together with us. As part of our celebration of their time with us we hope you will all be able to join us in our end of term sing-a-long outside (weather permitting). Due to space we will have to limit this to 2 adults per child. This will be held outside the nursery at 11.00am on Friday 28th June. There will be a free Ice-Cream van on the nursery grounds as an extra wee treat at the end of the morning.

Please could you send in a white t-shirt for your child before 9<sup>th</sup> June. They will decorate this and wear it (as a surprise) at the end of term sing-a-long.

### **Eco Schools Green Flag**

**We are so proud of Mrs Jones and all the children who have worked so hard this year to develop their knowledge and Understanding on a wide range of Environmental issues effecting the world today. We are delighted to let you know we have been awarded the Prestigious**

### **ECO SCHOOLS GREEN FLAG AWARD**

**Anna Green From Belfast City Council will be visiting the school on the morning of 12<sup>th</sup> June to make the presentation.**

**Please feel free to send your child to school in something Green for the occasion. Don't be buying anything special - green socks or a green hair bobble will be great.**

As you can see from the Diary Dates page we have a really busy last 3  $\frac{1}{2}$  weeks in nursery. This month's mini topics are the Farm, Places (real and imaginary), and moving on to P1. We will be reading different traditional and fairy tales each day and encouraging the children to re- tell the stories using books, puppets and figures during their play.

## Links with local Primary School

We hope to have a few of the local P1 teachers down to Castlereagh Nursery School in June to read a few stories to the children outside. We have always found this helps with the transition to Primary School. We will also be visiting Lisnasharragh Primary School for a fun morning of activities on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> June.

## End of nursery transition reports

You will receive 2 copies of your child's end of nursery transition report during the week beginning 22<sup>nd</sup> June. Please sign one copy and return it to school. These reports will then be forwarded to your child's primary school.

There are no new songs and rhymes this month as we will be recapping on all the songs we have been learning throughout the year.

## Farm Trip

We are delighted to be visiting Streamvale Farm on 21<sup>st</sup> June - this is always a really fun trip for the children. The children will be in school for normal time. Please ensure you have paid for this before Friday 9<sup>th</sup> June. This is £15 which is payable on the school money app. Please let your child's teacher know if your child will not be attending on that date.



We are holding a sports day for the children on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> June.

Mrs Morrow's class - 1pm - 1.20pm

Mrs Jones' class - 1.20pm - 1.40pm

This will be in the 4G pitch beside the Lisnasharragh Leisure centre (weather permitting). Parents can come along and watch.

## Teddy bear's Picnic

We are holding our annual teddy bear's picnic on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> June.

The children can bring in their favourite teddy and we will have lots of fun teddy themed games and have our picnic lunch outside.



## Parental Questionnaires

Thank you to all who completed not only the nursery parental questionnaires but also the ETI questionnaire. Your opinion and experience with us at Castlereagh Nursery School really matters to us. It's only through parental feedback that we can evaluate and improve what we do. Thank you for taking the time to do this. We will provide feedback in due course regarding the Inspection outcomes for the nursery.

## Diary Dates for the last month in Nursery

	School Re-opens Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> June	Fundamental Gymnastics Week 6 (Mrs Morrow) Last Week
Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> and 6 <sup>th</sup> June	Education Training Inspectorate - School Inspection
Thurs 6 <sup>th</sup> June	Fundamental Gymnastics Week 6 (Mrs Jones) Last Week
Fri 7 <sup>th</sup> June	Sonal Sports - Physical Skills
Tues 11 <sup>th</sup> June	Teddy bear's picnic
Wed 12 <sup>th</sup> June	Green Flag Award Presentation
Wed 12 <sup>th</sup> June	P1 Teacher from Leadhill Primary School visit children
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> June	Sports Day - Parents can come and watch Mrs Morrow's Class - 1.00 - 1.15pm Mrs Jones' Class - 1.20 - 1.35pm
Tues 18 <sup>th</sup> June	Nursery Play day in Lisnasharragh Primary School
Wed 19 <sup>th</sup> June	Lisnasharragh Primary School P1 Teachers visit children
Fri 21st June	Streamvale Open Farm Trip - Pick up 1.00pm for all children
Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> June	Mr Hullaballoo - Interactive theatre
Fri 30 <sup>th</sup> June	Last day - Sing-a-long @ 11am all parents welcome. School closes at 11.30am

All the staff team in Castlereagh Nursery School would like to say a heartfelt thank you for all your support throughout this year. We have loved every minute of our time with your little ones. We know they are all ready to make the transition into Primary school in September, but we will really miss them.

