



Castlereagh Nursery School

'Hand in Hand We Learn Together'



February 2026 Newsletter

Over the past few weeks the children have been excited to learn about the 'Cold Lands and Winter' topic and we will be exploring how the Chinese culture celebrate Chinese New Year. We are learning all about the animals that live in the South Pole and we have experienced some very cold weather outside nursery too.

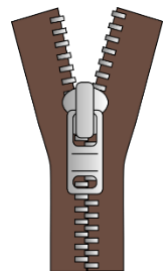
What are we learning in February?

We will also be learning 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/mittens. This enables them to become more independent when we are getting ready to go outside. Please ensure you send a warm coat and a named 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 will be beginning our second set of observations after the February half term and hope to have most of these completed before the parent teacher consultations at the start of April.



Superhero Day

To raise funds for British Liver Trust the children can dress up as super



hero's on Friday 27th February. 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).



Mother's Day Stay and Play

We are having a Mother's Day stay and play, you are invited to come and stay after school and paint a special heart box with your child. There will be no charge for this activity.

It's a little thank you from us - to you for Mother's Day!

Stay and Play - Monday 9th March Mrs Morrow's Class 1.10pm-1.30pm

Stay and Play - Tuesday 10th March Mrs Jones' Class 1.20pm - 1.40pm

Safer internet Day

Tuesday 10th February is safer internet day.

This week we will be looking at bespoke educational resources tailored for nursery children. These will include interactive stories and group discussions. As a parent it is

important you know what your child is watching online. The website below is excellent at providing explanations and resources for parents to use to talk to their child about being safe online. This resource is not only useful for nursery children but also for young people up to 18 years.



Parent Teacher Consultations

Dates for your Diary

To give you advance notice, we will be holding our parent teacher consultations on

Monday 20th April for Mrs Jones' Class

Tuesday 21th April for Mrs Morrow's Class

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

Goodbye Mrs Ross

Mrs Ross will be leaving Castlereagh Nursery School on Thursday 5th February. Mrs Jones will return from maternity leave for the hand over day on Thursday. We wish Mrs Ross well as she moves on to her new position as P3 job share teacher in Lisnasharragh Primary School.

Thursday 5th February - School closes early

Non-uniform (no charge) Children can wear something Pink or Red to celebrate Valentines Day.

Mrs Morrow's class 11.10am pick up

Mrs Ross' class 11.20am pick up

Confirmed Dates for your Diary

| February | |
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| Monday 2 nd | 1 st Shared Education trip to Holy Rosary Nursery School (Room 1 travel to HRNS) Room 2 host 2 nd class from Holy Rosary Nursery School |
| Monday 2 nd | Please bring something in the shape of a rectangle |
| Wednesday 4 th | 2 nd Shared Education trip to Holy Rosary Nursery School (Room 2 travel to HRNS) Room 1 host 1 st class from Holy Rosary Nursery School |

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| Thursday 5 th | Last day before half term - Children can wear something red or pink (non-uniform day) School closes at 11.10am - Mrs Morrow's class 11.20am Mrs Ross' Class |
| Friday 6 th | School Development Day - Children do not attend school |
| Monday 16 th | School Reopens for children - Normal time |
| Friday 27 th | Super hero day - Children can dress up as their favourite super hero. Donation £1 on the app |
| March | |
| Thursday 5 th | The Gathering Drum Workshop |
| Friday 6 th | Sonal Sports Physical skills |
| Monday 9 th | Mother's Day Stay and play - Room 1 1.10 - 1.30pm |
| Tuesday 10 th | Mother's Day Stay and play - Room 2 1.20 - 1.40pm |
| Wednesday 11 th | Make a Sound - Music and Movement |
| Tuesday 17 th | St Patrick's Day - School will close at 11.10am - Mrs Morrow's Class 11.20am - Mrs Jones' Class |
| Thursday 19 th | 2 nd Shared Education Visit Room 1 travelling to Holy Rosary Nursery School |
| Friday 20 th | 2 nd Shared Education Visit Room 2 travelling to Holy Rosary Nursery School |
| Monday 23 rd | Make a Sound - Sensory Story |
| Thursday 26 th | Mr Hullabaloo Easter Show - Interactive theatre |
| Tuesday 31 st | Easter Egg Hunt Mrs Morrow's class 11am - 11.10am Mrs Jones' Class 11.20- 11.30am Last day before Easter Holidays |

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....