

Education Resources

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St Joseph's Primary School and Nursery Class

29th October 2021



Dear Parent,

The children seem to be enjoying their time in the nursery. They are full of enthusiasm and ideas and we are doing our utmost to accommodate these as best we can. The children had a wonderful time at Halloween and the nursery looked fantastic decorated with the children's spooky displays and art work!

The children also enjoyed taking part in the Sponsored Wellie Walk. The children were very excited to take home their biodegradable plant pots with cress seeds. We hope the whole family have enjoyed watching them grow!



Halloween

Many thanks to our wonderful staff for planning lots of fun Halloween activities and experiences for our children this week. The children have thoroughly enjoyed their Halloween Theme Day and looked wonderful in their costumes. Many thanks to our families for their efforts in making this day a success. A huge thank you also for your participation in the Halloween Raffle. The total amount of money raised was £145. Congratulations to Conlin and Rachel who won the Halloween Hampers. We look forward to providing more opportunities like this one in the future.

Sponsored Wellie Walk

Many thanks to our wonderful helpers during our wellie Walk. The children enjoyed splashing in the puddles, finding, collecting and exploring the variety of leaves on offer. The children also learned about Road Safety and keeping themselves safe while out in the great outdoors. A huge thank you also to our very generous children and families for your contributions towards our Sponsored Wellie Walk. An overwhelming total of approximately £340 was collected within the nursery class. Thank you for your continued support, we are very grateful!



Our Learning Environment

All of our children now have free access to the whole nursery playroom, indoors and outdoors. Children will continue to be part of their existing group and will have opportunities daily to check in with their Keyworkers.

This practice will increase the children's learning exposure to a range of experiences on a daily basis as well as widening the variety of resources on offer to the children. We will continue to maximise the time the children spend outdoors. Nursery waterproof coats are provided for all children to access, to allow their coats from home to remain clean and dry for pick up time.

Clothing Request

If you have any old clothing e.g. tops, joggers, leggings etc. we would gratefully take them off your hands to use when any of our children require a change of clothes during the nursery day.

Virtual 'Stay and Play'

We hope you have had the opportunity to watch the Cheeky Monkey Group in action during their Virtual Stay and Play. This was emailed out this week. If you did not receive the email or had difficulties accessing the link, please let the member of staff in the Bubble Area know, to allow us the opportunity to address any issues. Our next stay and play will be shared with families at the end of next month. Please look out for the link via email.

Change of Footwear

As the weather is gradually changing, we ask that parent/carers provide a change of footwear e.g. plimsolls for their child to wear while at nursery. We ask that this change of footwear is labelled to allow children and staff to identify them easily.



Policies and Procedures

Reminder that if any parent/carer wishes a copy of any Nursery Policy or Procedure e.g. Child Protection, Learning and Teaching, to let the nursery staff know. The child Protection Officer for our nursery class and school is the head Teacher – Mrs J. Ross.

Some Important Reminders

- Please remember to put names on your child's cardigans/sweatshirts to avoid confusion.
- Please ensure you provide your child with a spare set of clothes, labelled with your child's name, in their bag each day. It makes it much easier and quicker for staff to change your child.
- Please ensure your child does not bring toys or other items into nursery.
- Please provide your child with a change of footwear.
- If your child, or a member of their household, displays Covid-19 related symptoms, please do not send them to nursery, follow NHS Inform and Test and protect Guidance and inform the school office as soon as possible.
- Please wear a face covering when entering the school/nursery grounds and when entering the Bubble Area.
- Please remember to maintain a two metre distance from other families at drop off/pick up times and in the Bubble Area.

Many thanks you for your support in these matters.

Holidays / In-service Days for this Session

In-service Day - Monday 15th November

Nursery Closes - Wednesday 22nd Dec and re-opens Wednesday 5th Jan '22



Dates for Diary

Christmas Fun Day – 26th Nov – more details to follow

Nursery Party – Friday 17th Dec – more details to follow

Parent Meetings (Teams)

PTA – 9th Nov 6pm

Parent Council – 9th Nov 6.30pm – Any parent who wishes to join is most welcome

Yours sincerely
Jacqueline Ross

Head Teacher

