



NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER

Theme: Day & Night / Nocturnal animals



Dear Parents,

Welcome back after the Halloween break. This month we are continuing to discover more about autumn and the seasonal changes. We will be talking about Day & Night, looking at the stars, moon and planets. We will be listening to stories about animals that are awake at night, and talking about those other lucky animals that get to sleep through the winter.

We will put our learning potentials on the website, so you can have a little insight into some of the learning we hope to do with your children around the six areas of the pre-school curriculum as well as extending their own individual interests.

In the entrance hall we celebrate what the children have been doing each month on our "Learning Wall" please take time to read and share and celebrate in your children's learning.



Parent Interviews

Thank you very much for attending Parent Interviews, we hope you found them beneficial. The teachers really enjoyed meeting with you and sharing how well your children have been getting on at nursery. If you missed your appointment, please contact your Class Teacher to arrange a telephone call.



Important Notices

Parents, please remember that notices and information are on the **White Board** in the porch, and also in Classroom cloakrooms, so please check regularly, or get a friend to keep you informed. The Seesaw App is also regularly updated with upcoming events and information.

School Dinners

Thank you to all parents/carers for your continued cooperation with school meal payments.

If you would prefer to pay monthly, please speak to your child's Class Teacher or Gwen in the Office.

A gentle reminder:

If your child will be arriving late to school or has a morning appointment, please let us know by calling **028 9336 5739** or sending a message via **Seesaw**. This helps us ensure accurate dinner numbers are passed to the kitchen by **9:30am each day**.

Reminders

- Please bring a warm coat to school
- Please remember children should wear joggers/leggings/trousers at this time of year
- Children should wear velcro shoes they can manage to put them on/off on their own
- Encourage your child to put on/take off their own coat

Carrickfergus Baby Bank Appeal

This year again we are collecting items for Carrickfergus Baby Bank, which provides baby essentials to local families. We are looking for donations of shampoo, bath wash, wipes and nappies. Please put them in the collection bin in the front entrance thank you.



PROVIDING EMERGENCY BABY SUPPLIES
TO THE CARRICKFERGUS, GREENISLAND AND WHITEHEAD AREAS

What is happening in Nursery this Month

Wee Critters - Monday 3rd November (Classes as usual)

Allan the Explorer will be in school with some wee critters! The theme of November's visit is: World Around Us





Jo Jingles- Thursday 13th November

(Classes as usual)

Music, Singing & Movement!

Gillian and Jo will be here with a session of fun and games to music - we will be singing nursery rhymes and action songs and using percussion instruments.



Scholastic Book Fair

Tuesday 11th - Thursday 15th November

(Classes as usual)

There will be a wide variety of books for sale and it could be a chance for some early Christmas shopping! The school gets commission on any books sold, which we use to buy books for our school library.

Books will be on sale in the porch at 9:00am and 1.30pm

Helpers - If anyone would be free at any of the above times to take the money for the books we would be very grateful - just give your name to the teacher. Thank you.

Big Bedtime Read - Storytime - Friday 14th November

(Classes as usual)



To launch our 'Getting Ready to Learn' Big Bedtime Read, we are hoping to arrange small group story sessions on Friday 14th November!

More details to follow

(This will coincide with our Children in Need Pyjama day).

The Big Bedtime Read is part of our Getting Ready to Learn initiative and will be beginning soon. The children will be borrowing different books every week from school.

The initiative focuses on:

- raising parents' awareness of the importance of reading to children
- encouraging parents to read regularly to their children each night
- establishing good bedtime routines
- maximising opportunities throughout the day to engage children in early reading experiences

CHILDREN IN NEED PYJAMA DAY - Friday 14th November
(Classes as usual)



We will be collecting money for Children in Need by having a Pyjama Day which ties in with our theme "Day & Night".
Everyone will come to school on that day wearing pyjamas - staff too!
Charge of £1 to go to Children in Need.

Dates for the Diary

We are very aware that December is a very busy month for everyone please see below a few dates for your diary.

Sonal Sports Sessions - Tuesday 2nd December
(classes as usual)

Central Integrated PS Play Day - Friday 5th December
(The children will go to the Primary School and we may need some parents to help accompany them there will be a consent form and more information to follow)

Jo Jingles - Thursday 11th December
(classes as usual - Children can wear Christmas Jumpers/Outfits)

Winter Wonderland - Thursday 11th December
(classes as usual)

Christmas Songs - Friday 12th December
(Classes as usual - Children can wear Christmas jumpers/outfits to school) Time will be confirmed for Parents to come and hear the children sing

Visit from Santa - Wednesday 17th December
(Classes as usual - Children can wear Christmas jumpers/outfits)

There could be a few other dates to slot into the Calendar, we will keep you updated