

# SUNNYLANDS NURSERY SCHOOL

## JUNE NEWS SHEET

**Theme:** The Seaside/Holidays/On the Move



**Interest:** Sea Life

**Remember:** School will be closed on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> May and Monday 31<sup>st</sup> May.

June will be a busy month. We will be talking about seasonal changes and learning about Care in the Sun!!! We will also be preparing the children for their transition to Primary 1 by reading stories, talking about their new schools and getting to know other children who will be going to the same Primary school. As we're not able to welcome P.1 Teachers into the Nursery this year to meet the children we will be speaking to them all on the phone and telling them about all our wonderful children who they will be teaching in September.

### MATHS

We will be revising colours and 2D shapes we have been learning throughout the year. Lots of mathematical language being used, counting, number walks etc. We are also focusing on recognising our own names. Please continue to talk about colours and shape in the environment.

### GREAT EXCITEMENT!

Our caterpillars have changed into butterflies and we have released them all. Lots of fabulous photos shared on the SeeSaw App. Talk with the children about this experience. Also we managed to get a few froglets from our tadpoles and these have been happily released back into the wild.



### CARRICKFERGUS BABYBANK

A great big thank you to all for your kind and generous donations for the Carrickfergus Babybank. We are hoping to present all your donations to the Babybank on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> June so please bring in any final contributions before then. We are so happy that we have been able to support such a worthy cause in our local community.

## GETTING READY TO LEARN

The school's Getting Ready to Learn initiative has been a little different this year due to Covid-19 school closures. Getting Ready to Learn have provided us with many ideas for Home Learning as well as financial support to facilitate it to the best of our ability. Our Home Learning Packs were paid for with Getting Ready to Learn funding. Monitoring is a key component of Getting Ready to Learn. It helps us reflect on practice, monitor programme impact and provide evidence to support DE's continued funding of the programme. We therefore encourage all parents to go online to complete the following questionnaire before Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> June:

**Your Parent Follow-Up Questionnaires Link:**

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/ParentFollowUp3-4>

Thank you.

## GARDENING CLUB

Our gardening club is nearly over for the year with just our welly boots still to plant up. We are also participating in the Mid & East Antrim Tallest Sunflower Competition so we will be planting our sunflower seeds this week too. The school environment has been greatly enhanced by the contribution the children have made and the children have thoroughly enjoyed themselves learning new gardening skills.



## SCHOOL FUNDS

Thank you for your contributions so far this year. With this money we have been able to provide a healthy snack, birthday presents, pay for some of our activities, and replenish materials and resources. Unfortunately, some fees are still outstanding and we would much appreciate if these could be settled as soon as possible.

## TRANSITION REPORTS

We are currently writing the children's end of year reports, which will be sent out on the week beginning **Monday 14<sup>th</sup> June**. We ask you to sign a copy and return it to the teacher before **Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> June**. A copy of the report will be sent to your child's primary school. If you wish to discuss anything about your child's report, do not hesitate to make an appointment to speak with Mrs Morrow or Mrs McQuillan.



**JO JINGLES** - Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> June and Friday 11<sup>th</sup> June  
(Classes as usual)



**THE GATHERING DRUM** - Monday 14<sup>th</sup> June  
(Classes as usual)

Joe will be at school for a 'drum circle' session. The children will have fun working together using rhythm to engage with their favourite stories, songs and curriculum themes.



**JUMP JIGGLE AND JIVE** - Monday 7<sup>th</sup> and Monday 21<sup>st</sup> June  
(Classes as usual)

We will be continuing our Early Years Dance Programme for Schools with the leading providers and experts for foundation stage skills in Dance and Physical Education in Northern Ireland - Jump Jiggle and Jive!

**JUMP JIGGLE AND JIVE SCHOOL'S OUT FAMILY GARDEN PARTIES** -  
Monday 28<sup>th</sup> June  
(Classes as usual)

Our plans were to have Family Garden Parties on this day with Jump Jiggle and Jive but we are still waiting for guidance as to whether we can have parents along to this session. We will let you know details as soon as we can before the event.

## **SCHOOL CLOSED - FRIDAY 18<sup>th</sup> JUNE** **(Staff Development Day)**

**Teddy Bears' Picnic and visit from the Ice-Cream Van** - Friday 25<sup>th</sup> June  
(Classes as usual)

Weather permitting, we will have our Teddy Bears' picnic on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> June. Children are asked to bring Teddy along with them to school and join in the fun. We will also be rounding off our picnic with a visit from the Ice-Cream Van!



## LAST DAY OF TERM:

**Afternoon Classes: Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> JUNE**

(Classes as usual)

**Morning Classes: Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> JUNE**

(Morning Classes only - 9am- 11am)

The Staff and Governors of Sunnylands Nursery School would like to take this opportunity to thank parents and friends of our Nursery for their support throughout what has been a very challenging year.

We hope that you and your family have a safe and enjoyable Summer Holiday, and would like to thank you for entrusting us with your wonderful children. We wish your child every success as they continue their journey into Primary School and we look forward to seeing our Returners again in September.

Mrs S Morrow & Staff

