

St Mary's Nursery School

October Newsletter

"Play is the work of the child." –
Maria Montessori

Dinners

Dinners will start on Tuesday 20th October and will cost £15 for that week: 4 days @ £2.50 and £5 Snack & Educational Fund. The same system for collection of payment will operate. It is imperative that you transfer the correct money on Mondays to allow Mrs Gault to reconcile the accounts on Tuesdays. Thank you.

School meals are £2.50 per day. Snack/Educational Outings/Resources Fund is £5.00 per week. Therefore, dinner and fund money in future will be £17.50 for a full week. If your child is absent, please deduct the £2.50 per day from the following week's payment.

If your child is entitled to free school meals and you have not completed a form see Mrs Hloy immediately.

Holidays

School will be closed for the Hallowe'en holidays from Monday 26th October to Friday 30th October inclusive

Note: Friday 23rd October will be a non-uniform day (dressing up is optional – please **DO NOT** bring in accessories, eg broom sticks)

School will re-open as normal on Monday 2nd November at 9.00am (8.30am early drop off)



Early Morning Supervision

If you feel your child is ready, from Tuesday 13th October we will be pleased to offer a service whereby your child can be left into school at 8.30am and be supervised by staff in the Quiet Room.

If you are using this service, you MUST hand your child to a member of staff at the classroom door.

Again if you feel your child is ready, from Monday 2nd November there will be a supervised waiting room from 1.30pm to 2.00pm each day.

These are non-teaching periods where your child can watch the television. Unfortunately this year, due to funding cuts, we are unable to provide a drop-off time any earlier than 8.30am.



Settling In Documents

Settling in documents are being prepared and will go out in November. You will be given the opportunity to discuss these with your child's teacher.



School Records

Do you want to add any new names or telephone numbers to our school records? Have you changed address or telephone number? If you want us to make any changes please email Mrs Gault, who will be in the office on Tuesdays and Wednesdays.



Family Support Worker

Danielle, our Family Support Worker, will be making a few ring-arounds this month and giving parents the opportunity for meetings. We hope you find her support and advice helpful.

❖ Outdoor Play

We have school coats which the children will wear for outdoor play but we would ask that you provide a hat and mittens (no gloves please), clearly marked with your child's name to remain in school. Please put them in the designated pouches under the roof. These will be sent home periodically for washing.

❖ Rosary

October is the month of the rosary. Our church encourages us to promote the saying of the rosary or a decade of the rosary as a family. We will have a rosary table to nurture the children's awareness of this powerful prayer!



❖ Jewellery

Due to the physical play we provide it is necessary for the children to wear only stud earrings and no other form of jewellery.

❖ Curriculum Matters

Our special themes for the month are 'Myself' and 'Hallowe'en'.

We will be reading stories about babies, toddlers and big children starting school and making new friends! We will be learning how to share the space and equipment with these new friends. We will also be listening to stories and learning rhymes associated with Hallowe'en and reassuring the children by discussing the Hallowe'en traditions and learning some traditional rhymes. This gives us the opportunity to discuss **changes** occurring in Science whilst cooking stewed apples, making dough and orange soup. The children shall also be given the opportunity to learn **printing** techniques and attempt **collages** to enhance their creative skills. During our outside physical play we shall be concentrating on the skill of **pedalling**. Any donations of unwanted Little Tykes cars, dolls prams, wheelbarrows, bikes etc would be greatly appreciated.



Maths for the Month

We shall be exploring all colours and concentrating on making orange with red and yellow. Also shades of black. The shape we will be identifying in our environment and concentrating on this month is the circle, so encourage your child to look for street signs, tyres on cars etc.

Talking Tip

Help your child develop good language and communication skills with this tip:

Talk to your child when you're playing together.



You can help your child at home by -

- Encouraging them to put on their own coats - we will zip them up.
- Encouraging them to use cutlery and pour their own drink.



SAFEGUARDING
OUR CHILDREN
(Child Protection)

If a parent has concerns about his or her child or another child's safety, they may take the following action.

I have a concern about
my child's/other child's safety



I can talk to the
CLASS TEACHER



If I am still concerned I can talk to
the designated teacher for
Child Protection,
Mrs Hoy

Mrs Hoy



Mrs Friel



or the deputy designated teacher,
Mrs Friel



If I am still concerned, I can
talk/write to the Chairperson
of the Board of Governors,
Mrs Paula Clarke
90778524



Mrs Clarke



At any time, I can talk to the
Social Workers @ Gateway
Monday-Friday 9.00-5.00
90507000

or out of hours emergency 95049999

or

the Police Non-Emergency

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Parents may have access to the School's
Safeguarding Policy,
which is available from the designated teacher.

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