

St Mary's Nursery School

October Newsletter

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

Dinners

Dinners will start on **Monday 7th October** and cost £2.50 per day. A full week will cost £12.50 for dinners and £5 for Educational & Snack Fund (ie £17.50 per week). If your child is absent, please deduct the £2.50 per day from the following week's payment. Educational & Snack Fund is payable if your child is in school two or more days that week.

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.

If your child is entitled to free school meals and you have not applied, please do so immediately.

Holidays

School will be closed for the Hallowe'en holidays from **Monday 28th October to Friday 1st November inclusive**

Note: **Friday 25th October** will be a non-uniform day (dressing up is optional – please **DO NOT** bring in accessories, eg broom sticks)
£1 donation for a Special School in India/School Funds would be appreciated

School will re-open as normal on **Monday 4th November at 9.00am (8.30am early drop off)**



Early Morning Supervision

If you feel your child is ready, from Monday 7th October we are 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 in Room 1 Quiet Room.

Again if you feel your child is ready, from Monday 7th October 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.



Autumn Walk – Stormont then Mo Mowlam Park!!

Our Autumn Walk to reinforce our topic, which is also a sponsored walk for school funds, shall take place on Wednesday 16th October at Stormont. We shall be returning to school in time for dinner, approximately 11.45am. We hope many parents/carers shall be able to accompany us.



Parental Consent for Educational Outings

Parents, we require your consent to bring your child on educational outings. The third column of the consent form is where you indicate if you are free to join us. You are always welcome! Thank you.



Parents Information Evening Catch-up

For those parents who were unable to attend our Parents Information Evening in September, Mrs Markey will be delivering a catch-up on Thursday 10th October at 9.30am in our Sensory Room. Please let your child's teacher know if you will be attending. Thank you.



Parent/Teacher Consultations

Parent/Teacher Consultations will be held on Monday 21st and Tuesday 22nd October. This will give you the opportunity to discuss with your child's teacher how your child is enjoying School. (An appointment date will be sent out shortly).

☆ 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.

☆ 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.

☆ 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 pouches inside your child's classroom. 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!



☆ Children's Work

Please collect these wonderful creations daily from the pigeon holes in the hall. Thank you!



☆ Art Store

If anyone has end rolls of wallpaper, especially embossed, please bring them in to stock our art store! Also, baby food scoops, umbrella cases, insides of kitchen roll (no toilet roll thank you 😊) and small individual cereal boxes, toothpaste boxes or teabag boxes and old newspapers. Thank you.

☆ PTA

If anyone is interested in this, please complete the attached form and post it in the red post box at the entrance to your child's classroom. Our PTA is needed to help out at various times throughout the year. Thank you.

☆ 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**.

☆ 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 – provide a running commentary – “I see you've chosen the big blue block, great idea!”

Sometimes just say nothing and copy what they are doing, ie show them you think their ideas are worth copying.



You can help your child at home by -

- Encouraging them to put on their own coats - we will zip them up - the magic way we do this in School is to pop your hood on first then slip one arm in at a time!
- Encouraging them to use cutlery and pour their own drink.





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▪ Principal: Mrs Sinéad Markey MEd ▪

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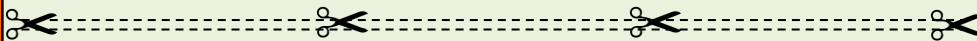
Dear Parents

We have been very lucky over the years to have the support of our parents/grandparents/carers throughout the school year.

We appreciate any help that you can afford to give us to help in the classroom at times, read stories to the children, cut out templates etc. If you can afford any time we would be delighted. Please print this form out and return to your child's class teacher.

Thank you

Sinéad Markey



Name of child: _____

Class: Room 1 / Room 2

- Yes, I would be able to help in the classroom.
- No, I would not be able to help.

Signed _____

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 Markey

Mrs Markey



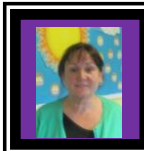
Mrs Friel



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

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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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