



Dear Parents/ Carers,

Welcome to the Nursery class! We hope that you had an enjoyable summer and would like to extend a warm welcome to you all. The children have settled very well and we have had a great first week getting to know each other.

The Nursery Staff are as follows:

Mrs Smith & Mrs Duffey

Mrs LoBue

Mrs Realmuto/Mrs O'Connor

Miss Ruff

Class Teachers

Early Years Practitioner

Morning Teaching Assistant

Afternoon Teaching Assistant

Mrs Doherty will be coming to work with the children on the computers once a week.

Mrs Chandler will be in at various times, supporting children with English as an additional language and those who need to develop greater confidence.

Nursery times:

Morning Nursery 8:45-11:45am (Doors will be open from 11:40 am so all children are dismissed by 11:45am)

Afternoon Nursery 12:15-3:15pm (Doors will be open from 3:10pm so all children are dismissed by 3:15 pm)

Please wait inside the nursery cloakroom or outside the nursery at drop off times. If picking up from lunch club on a Wednesday for Flex 1, please collect from main school entrance.

A teacher will be standing by the door with a Nursery communications book at drop off times and collection times. Any messages, such as changes to your collection arrangements, can be given at this time. For any last minute changes, please notify the school office 01727 854643. We will not let your child go home with someone different unless you have informed us of this change and they know your password. We have a special box in the classroom for any letters or forms you are returning. These are taken to the school office by a member of staff.

Library: Children borrow one book from the library each week. Books should be returned the following week. Children will not be allowed to take a new book home if the previous one hasn't been returned.

Water: We would like all children to have a named bottle of water that will be available to them throughout the session. Water and cups will be provided for those who forget their water bottle.

Lunch Bags: If your child is staying for Lunch club we ask that you clearly label their lunch bag.



Book bags: Please provide your child with a named school book bag. These are available to buy from the school office. We would like them to have their book bag in class every day. Please check it regularly for letters.

Toys: Please do not bring toys into the nursery as they can easily get lost or broken unless requested for show and tell.

Magic moments: We are really keen to know about any exciting experiences or achievements that occur for your child outside of school. They can share these with us and the class. We will provide magic moment sheets for you to fill in and send into school. There will be copies on the information board for you to help yourself to.

Topic: Our Class topic this half term will be 'All about me', and the whole school theme is "Green". We will send curriculum information home in due course. This will also be found on the school webpage, under the Nursery link.

The Characteristics of Learning: We will be introducing our friendly class dinosaurs next week: Thinkosaur, Tryosaur and Explorosaur who will encourage our children to think it out, try their best and explore as they learn.

You may hear your child talking about the Nursery Class expectations- these are:

We are safe, happy and healthy. We make good choices, listen and learn.

-Based on 'Every Child Matters'.

A Day in Our Nursery

Welcome Time: We gather together in our colour groups for the register, prayer and weather.

Flex 1 and 2 are in purple group, morning group are in the yellow group and afternoon group are in the green group.

Fidgety Fingers Time: Free choice from a range of fine motor activities put out, in two carpet groups or on tables. Later on we will be in shape groups.

Group Time: Adult led activities which could be an indoor or outdoor.

Letters and Sounds: We start with phase 1 of the letters and sounds programme. We will be learning to tune into sounds, rhyming, alliteration, etc.

CIL time ('chil') Child initiated learning which may be inside or outside. In this time children make own independent learning/ play choices. We will provide ongoing experiences and activities, (some related to our topic), for them to access throughout this time.



Snack Time: Children have milk or water- if your child wants to swap, we check with you first. We have fresh fruit or vegetable daily, and will encourage the children to try. Please let us know about any food allergies.

Going Home Time: Children sit as a whole class on the blue listening carpet. We use this time to sing songs, nursery rhymes or listen to a story. We finish with the school prayer.

Each week your child will take part in a P.E. session and a music lesson as a whole class.

There is a lot of information here, which may or may not be new to you. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to approach us.

Please sign up on the sheet on nursery notice board to offer help in preparing resources and or washing the painting aprons or dress up clothes. All help is gratefully received.

Thank you for your time,

The Nursery Team