



## Newsletter Sept/Oct 2021

*A very warm welcome to you all at the beginning of your child's Nursery year! We hope that you and your child enjoy your time with us in Ballyclare Nursery School! Staff are always on hand to answer any questions or queries so please don't hesitate to talk to us.*

### Diary Dates

**At the current time our events and activities are still limited due to the on-going pandemic situation.**

**NEXT WEEK BEGINNING 27<sup>th</sup> September-** Children are all in for 4 days- 2hr sessions (Unless a different arrangement has been made with your child's teacher)

**AM- 8:45-10:45**

**PM 12:30-2:30**

**October:**

**Session Times from Monday 4<sup>th</sup>-** All children attend 5 days per week for 2.5hrs a day. (Unless otherwise arranged with the class teacher)

**Friday 15<sup>th</sup>** – Jo Jingles starts for a 4 week block (see online calendar)

**Thursday 21st-** 'Big Bedtime Read' Pyjama Party- further details to follow

**Nursery Closes** for Halloween break- Normal Times

**Friday 22nd- SCHOOL CLOSED FOR STAFF TRAINING**

**November:**

**Monday 1st-** Nursery Reopens

**Friday 5<sup>th</sup>:** School photographer here to take individual photographs- more information to follow

**December:**

**Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup>-** Christmas Party Day and last day of term further details to follow

***All diary dates are on our 'Calendar' on the website, with details of key events being added throughout the year.***

*We are delighted to see that our website is getting regularly viewed by a growing number of visitors! Please continue to check the website regularly as there are updates, information and calendar dates being added regularly.*

### Settling In

We are in the process of our 'Settling In' period. Children will be learning our routines over the coming weeks! We will also be talking about the theme 'My Family' during this time.

### Parent/Teacher Meetings

Towards the end of October, we will be arranging a time to talk to you about how your child is settling into nursery school. These will be done over the telephone. Your child's teacher will send you an appointment nearer to the time.

### **Friends of Ballyclare Nursery PTA**

We hope to have our PTA up and running soon. Many of the usual events and activities will not be possible for them to run this year. However, we will still be thinking of ways to raise much needed funding for our school. If you are interested in being part of our 'Virtual' PTA this year then please send them a message via their FaceBook page!

**Last year out PTA raised an amazing £4,610.60! This was all used to fund Jo Jingles, Rug Bugz, and Graduation Day ice creams!**

Without this fundraising support we could not have offered the children such a great range of activities throughout the school year.

Upcoming events will be advertised on the PTA Facebook page, and are also available to view on our website under the 'Community' drop down menu – 'Friends of Ballyclare Nursery'

### **Clothing Bin**

Please use the clothing 'recycling' bin that is located at our Main Entrance Gate. This is for family and local community use. Every time the bin is emptied the school receives a small donation from 'Cash for Clobber' so please use it whenever you are having a clear out!

### **School App**

Please ensure that you have installed our "School App" and allowed notifications and verified your phone number via the link that you were sent. If your number has changed, or you haven't received a registration message then please contact the school office. This will be used to send messages throughout the year.

### **School Fund**

Many thanks to everyone who has sent in their September contribution to our school fund. We have had some queries from parents regarding being able to pay for the whole year in one payment. If you would like to do this, then please let your child's teacher know.