



Newsletter Sept/Oct 2022

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

All holidays, closure days and events are on our school website calendar. This will be updated on a regular basis so please ensure that you check it regularly.

Session Times from Monday 4th October-

All children attend 5 days per week for 2.5hrs a day. (Unless otherwise arranged with the class teacher)

Tuesday 11th – Jo Jingles starts for a 4 week block (see online calendar)

Friday 28th- 'Big Bedtime Read' Pyjama Party- further details to follow

Nursery Closes for Halloween break- Normal Times

November:

Monday 7th- Nursery Reopens

Friday 11th: School photographer here to take individual photographs- more information to follow

December:

Tuesday 6th- Mr Hullabaloo is in Nursery to present his latest show- "Festivals"

Open Afternoon for children due to start Nursery in September 2023.

Friday 16th- Gillian will be here with a Jo Jingles Christmas special!

Tuesday 20th- 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

In November 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. We will be thinking of ways to raise much needed funding for our school. **If you are interested in being part of our PTA this year then please send them a message via their FaceBook page!**

Each year our PTA raises amazing amounts of funds for the children. Last year 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

Today we have sent home envelopes for the first monthly collection of our school fund contribution. This is £12 per month for each child. It is worked out over the year to allow for school holidays and closures so will be the same amount every month.

School fund is vital for us in order to pay for day-to-day resources for the children's learning and development. It not only also funds snack for everyone but is used to enable us to provide a wide variety of activities and resources throughout the year for every child in our school. We very much appreciate everyone contributing to our school fund as every child benefits from what we receive.

If you would like to pay for your child's school fund for a whole year in one payment, then please let your child's teacher know.