



# Newsletter Oct/Nov 2018



Welcome to Ballyclare Nursery School's newsletter! The children are all settling in nicely and making lots of new friends! We hope that you find the information on this letter useful! Diary dates for the year will be given as early as possible for your information.

## *Our Learning Themes*

In November and December we will be learning about "Special Events". This will include learning about Birthdays, Halloween fireworks, The Hindu Festival of Light- Diwali and Christmas.

All of this learning is about the 'cultural' traditions of each event, such as types of food and clothing that children experience at these times. There is no religious element within these events except during our learning about Christmas, when we learn about the story of the Nativity and the birth of Jesus. More information about our learning will be available on the website after Half Term.

## *Songs and Rhymes*

Every month we learn new songs and rhymes. These are available for you to download and print on our website. This will help you to join in and help your child learn the songs and rhymes at home too!



## Halloween Big Bedtime Read Pyjama Party!



Children finish for Halloween on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> October. As on the school website calendar, we are having a 'Halloween Pyjama Day'! This is to launch our "Big Bedtime Read" Initiative- (additional info will be sent home about this). Children can come dressed in their coziest or spookiest pyjamas! We are delighted to have the staff from Ballyclare Library coming to read a selection of 'Bedtime' stories to the children. Jo Jingles will also be here!



### **School photographs**

Children have all had the opportunity to have their school photograph taken. These will soon be available for you to view and buy online. Further info will be sent.

### **Settling In Reports**

**After Half Term you will be receiving your child's 'Settling In' report from the class teacher.**

**You will also have an opportunity to make an appointment for an interview if you require one. More information will follow after the holiday.**

Unfortunately Mrs Corry has sustained an injury and has been off nursery whilst waiting for and having surgery. She is now starting her recuperation which will also take some time. In her absence we are delighted to have Mrs Goodman teaching her class in the afternoon. We wish her a speedy recovery! If any Parent or Carer has a query that cannot be dealt with by your child's Class teacher, then please contact the office. Thank you for your continued support.

# Forest School

After Halloween we will be starting our 'Forest School' programme at Fairview Primary School. The children will be visiting the 'Forest School' in their classes and have also been allocated a P5 or P6 'Buddy'. Their 'Buddy' will be their partner to walk to and from Fairview with them. They will also work with them during the activities to help and support their learning. This is a great learning experience for all the children. Not only for our Nursery pupils but also for the children from Fairview! You will receive a reminder text nearer to the dates of these events. Children should wear warm clothing and suitable footwear. If the weather is too severe the visits will be rescheduled.



## Diary Dates 2018

(All dates are also available on the school website calendar- Further details will be given nearer to the time of each event where appropriate)

### October

Friday 26<sup>th</sup>- Pyjama Party and Nursery closes for Halloween break.

### November

Monday 5<sup>th</sup>- Nursery opens

Weds 14<sup>th</sup>- Forest School AM and PM

Friday 30<sup>th</sup>- Nursery closed for staff training

Health Visitor Appointments for the 3+ Health Reviews (Parent Questionnaires returned) will be running on various dates.

### December

Friday 7<sup>th</sup>- Whole school visit to Christmas Pantomime at Theatre in the Mill- No morning session on this day. All children will attend the visit in the afternoon

Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> – Movie Night- Nursery children only

Friday 14<sup>th</sup>- Family Christmas fun day. ALL children must be accompanied by an adult on this day

Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> – Afternoon children Christmas Party **12-1:30** and finish for Christmas Holidays

Friday 21<sup>st</sup>- Morning children Christmas Party **8:45-10:15** and finish for the Christmas Holidays