



September 2020, Newsletter

## **Welcome to Ederney Community Nursery!**

We welcome you and your child to Ederney Community Nursery. This is the first of our newsletters for this school year which are designed to keep you up to date with what will be happening in the Nursery throughout each month.

Throughout September, our main concern is welcoming you and your child to our Nursery. We will be working hard to make all of the children feel comfortable and secure in our Nursery and for children and staff to have the opportunity to get to know one another. Once your child begins nursery they come every day at their allocated time.

The Nursery consists of 3 members of staff: the Nursery Teacher, Mrs McGovern and the Nursery Assistants, Mrs Jenny Watson and Mrs Christina Sproule.

### **The Curriculum**

Each month, we will keep you informed of the themes and topics we have chosen to explore. This month, our topic is 'Getting to Know You'. We will be helping the children get to know one another and our staff through a number of formal and informal activities such as Circle time, story time and specific art activities.

We will also be establishing our Nursery rules and routines throughout this month. We understand that learning rules and routines at such a young age is a big undertaking. To support the children in this process, we will be using visual reminders as a prompt for the children, eg 'good sitting' flash card in the quiet room. We will be praising their positive behaviour and contribution to the smooth running of the Nursery day.

### **Settling In Procedure**

As you are aware, all children will be starting Nursery by staggered intake, this means that there will be small groups of children starting Nursery together. This process allows your child the chance to get to know Nursery staff and their new classmates in a more intimate, relaxed environment. It gives us the

opportunity to spend quality time with each child, getting to know them and building up a relationship of trust and respect. It is to be expected that some children will find the separation from their parents upsetting. However, in my experience, children have coped better if the separation is swift and not prolonged in the mornings. If your child continues to struggle with the settling in process, we will address this with you individually and discuss the best ways to help him/her.

### **Nursery Snack Money**

Just a reminder that there is a £5 fee when your child first starts then it is £2 a week for snack. This will be due on the first Monday of each week. All money must be submitted in a named and dated envelope, to avoid any confusion. A box will be placed outside the Nursery each Monday morning. Thank- you for your co- operation.

### **What is it used for?**

We use snack money for break, dough ingredients, cooking ingredients, party treats, natural materials such as plants, flowers, fruit, vegetables etc. and other incidental/seasonal play resources.

### **Parent access to the building.**

As you will have been made aware, we are only allowing adults into the building on your child's first day. There should be a maximum of 3 adults in the hallway at any one time. Please adhere to social distancing guidelines when in the hall and please wear a face covering, if you are able to. After your child's first day Mrs McGovern or Jenny will greet you and your child at the front gate and if your child is happy to, will be brought into Nursery by a member of staff. If you feel your child is not coping well with this new routine please make the class teacher aware.

### **Clothing**

Please ensure that all items of clothing are **labelled** to avoid any mix- ups at home time! As we approach Autumn and the cold weather it undoubtedly holds in store for us, I would ask that all children wear a coat to school. This will then enable us to still enjoy our outdoor play time, even if the weather is a bit chilly! We would also appreciate it if you could provide a pair of wellington boots for your child to be used during outdoor play. Shoes must be Velcro. Please also

ensure your child has a change of clothing e.g pants, socks, trousers, top, this clothing can be kept on their peg throughout the year.

### **Contact Details**

It is essential that all children's contact details are given to us as soon as possible. These details will remain private and confidential. This is in your child's all about me booklet so please ensure that it is returned. If there are any changes to be made now, or indeed throughout the year, in terms of home address/ work address/ home telephone number/ work number/ mobile number/ collection arrangements, please ensure that Mrs McGovern has been notified.

We hope that you and your child enjoys the coming year at Nursery. If you have any concerns or worries please feel free to speak to me at the beginning or end of each session.

Yours Sincerely,

MrsMcGovern (Nursery Teacher)

### **Songs and Rhymes**

#### **Humpty Dumpty**

Humpty Dumpty sat on a wall,  
Humpty Dumpty had a great fall;  
All the king's horses,  
And all the King's men, Couldn't put  
Humpty together again.

#### **Twinkle, Twinkle**

Twinkle, twinkle little star,  
How I wonder what you are!  
Up above the world so high,  
Like a diamond in the sky,  
Twinkle, twinkle little star,

#### **Jack and Jill**

Jack and Jill  
Went up the hill,  
To fetch a pail of water;  
Jack fell down,  
And broke his crown,  
And Jill came tumbling after.

#### **Incy Wincy**

Incy Wincy spider climbed up the  
water spout;  
Down came the rain and washed the  
spider out,  
Out came the sun and dried up all  
the rain;  
And the Incy Wincy spider climbed  
up the spout again.

#### **Baa, Baa Black sheep**

Baa, Baa black sheep  
have you any wool?  
Yes sir, yes sir three  
bags full;  
1 for the master,  
1 for the dame,