



## October Newsletter 2020

*Let's have some fun!*

Well done to all of the Nursery children as they have now completed their initial induction programme which consisted of joining Nursery in small groups. All children will now attend Nursery together from 9am - 11:30am. Some children may find the increase in numbers and the longer day a little bit daunting. We will continue to do our best to make the morning time separation as calm and comfortable as possible for all children and parents. Please do not worry if your child needs some time to deal with this adjustment, if they continue to struggle over the coming weeks then we will talk to you on a one to one basis and look at the best ways forward for supporting your child.

### The Curriculum

During October, our Curriculum focus will be on 'My Body' and 'Autumn' (Halloween)  
'My Body'- we will begin this topic by learning about the parts of our face. This will then naturally lead on to the parts of the body. We will be addressing this topic primarily through a combination of art activities and language based activities- story books, songs and rhymes, flash cards, snap games etc. You can support this learning at home by singing songs such as 'heads, shoulders, knees and toes', 'if you are happy and you know it', or by playing 'Simon says' games and touching parts of your body. We will also be exploring our senses- touch, taste, smell, hear and sight. This will be done through dough play, water play, sensory tray and a selection of books.

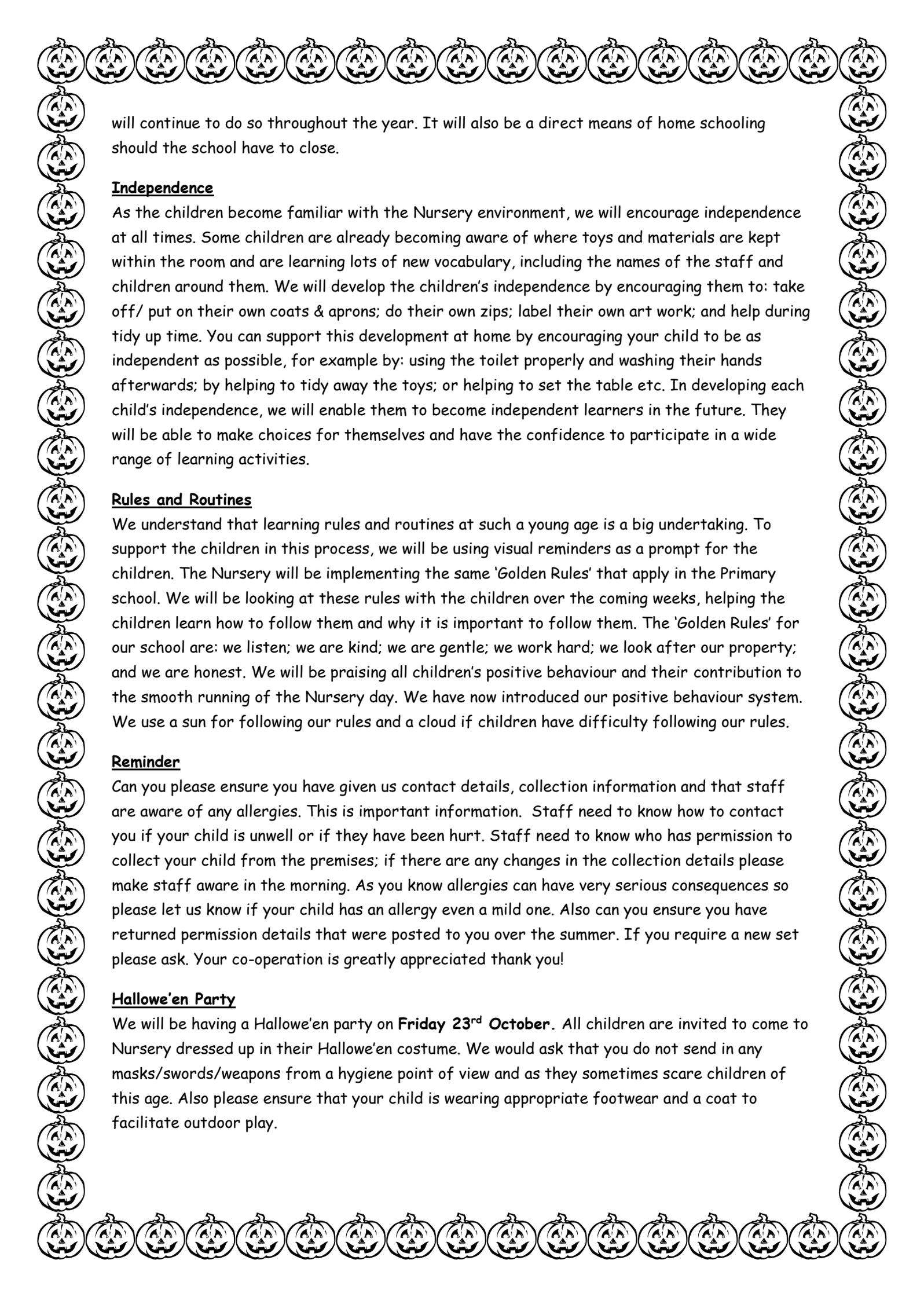
'Autumn'- we will be looking at how Autumn effects our environment- leaves fall off the trees, squirrels hibernate, the weather changes etc. This will be done primarily through art activities and language based activities.

### Parent / Teacher meetings

As I am sure you are aware, we will be unable to hold parent/teacher meeting as normal due to Covid 19 restrictions. However, we will be holding telephone meeting with all parents in October. These discussions are vitally important - it is a good opportunity for me to let you know how your child is settling into school life. It is also an opportunity for you to raise any concerns/worries. **Please fill in and return attached information.**

### Seesaw Class App

All pupils have now been given their unique log in for Seesaw. Please take the time to download the app and log in so I can see if there are any issues. I have already shared some photos and



will continue to do so throughout the year. It will also be a direct means of home schooling should the school have to close.

### **Independence**

As the children become familiar with the Nursery environment, we will encourage independence at all times. Some children are already becoming aware of where toys and materials are kept within the room and are learning lots of new vocabulary, including the names of the staff and children around them. We will develop the children's independence by encouraging them to: take off/ put on their own coats & aprons; do their own zips; label their own art work; and help during tidy up time. You can support this development at home by encouraging your child to be as independent as possible, for example by: using the toilet properly and washing their hands afterwards; by helping to tidy away the toys; or helping to set the table etc. In developing each child's independence, we will enable them to become independent learners in the future. They will be able to make choices for themselves and have the confidence to participate in a wide range of learning activities.

### **Rules and Routines**

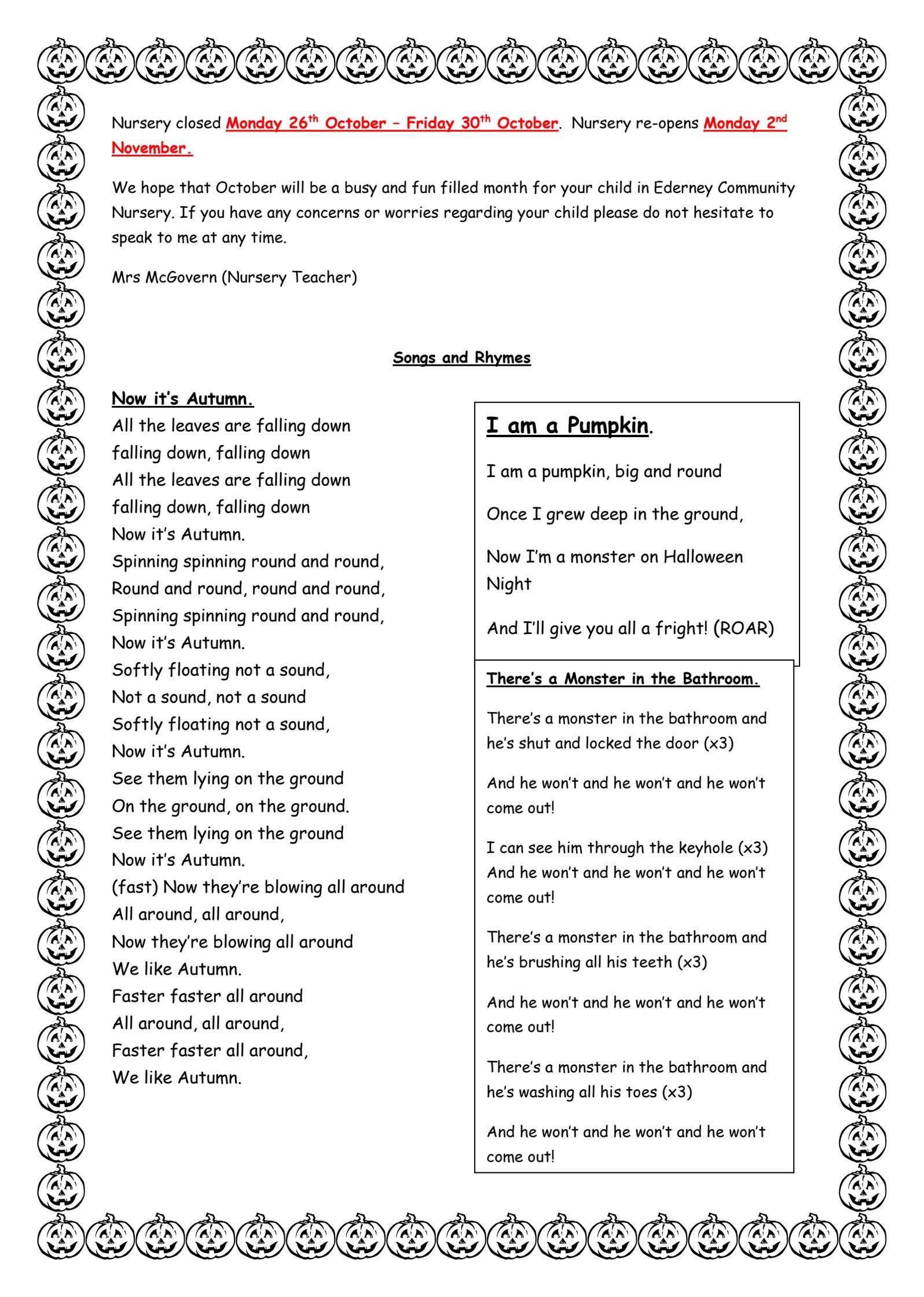
We understand that learning rules and routines at such a young age is a big undertaking. To support the children in this process, we will be using visual reminders as a prompt for the children. The Nursery will be implementing the same 'Golden Rules' that apply in the Primary school. We will be looking at these rules with the children over the coming weeks, helping the children learn how to follow them and why it is important to follow them. The 'Golden Rules' for our school are: we listen; we are kind; we are gentle; we work hard; we look after our property; and we are honest. We will be praising all children's positive behaviour and their contribution to the smooth running of the Nursery day. We have now introduced our positive behaviour system. We use a sun for following our rules and a cloud if children have difficulty following our rules.

### **Reminder**

Can you please ensure you have given us contact details, collection information and that staff are aware of any allergies. This is important information. Staff need to know how to contact you if your child is unwell or if they have been hurt. Staff need to know who has permission to collect your child from the premises; if there are any changes in the collection details please make staff aware in the morning. As you know allergies can have very serious consequences so please let us know if your child has an allergy even a mild one. Also can you ensure you have returned permission details that were posted to you over the summer. If you require a new set please ask. Your co-operation is greatly appreciated thank you!

### **Hallowe'en Party**

We will be having a Hallowe'en party on **Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> October**. All children are invited to come to Nursery dressed up in their Hallowe'en costume. We would ask that you do not send in any masks/swords/weapons from a hygiene point of view and as they sometimes scare children of this age. Also please ensure that your child is wearing appropriate footwear and a coat to facilitate outdoor play.



Nursery closed **Monday 26<sup>th</sup> October - Friday 30<sup>th</sup> October**. Nursery re-opens **Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November**.

We hope that October will be a busy and fun filled month for your child in Ederney Community Nursery. If you have any concerns or worries regarding your child please do not hesitate to speak to me at any time.

Mrs McGovern (Nursery Teacher)

### Songs and Rhymes

#### Now it's Autumn.

All the leaves are falling down  
falling down, falling down  
All the leaves are falling down  
falling down, falling down  
Now it's Autumn.

Spinning spinning round and round,  
Round and round, round and round,  
Spinning spinning round and round,  
Now it's Autumn.

Softly floating not a sound,  
Not a sound, not a sound  
Softly floating not a sound,  
Now it's Autumn.

See them lying on the ground  
On the ground, on the ground.  
See them lying on the ground  
Now it's Autumn.

(fast) Now they're blowing all around  
All around, all around,  
Now they're blowing all around  
We like Autumn.

Faster faster all around  
All around, all around,  
Faster faster all around,  
We like Autumn.

#### I am a Pumpkin.

I am a pumpkin, big and round  
Once I grew deep in the ground,  
Now I'm a monster on Halloween  
Night  
And I'll give you all a fright! (ROAR)

#### There's a Monster in the Bathroom.

There's a monster in the bathroom and  
he's shut and locked the door (x3)

And he won't and he won't and he won't  
come out!

I can see him through the keyhole (x3)  
And he won't and he won't and he won't  
come out!

There's a monster in the bathroom and  
he's brushing all his teeth (x3)

And he won't and he won't and he won't  
come out!

There's a monster in the bathroom and  
he's washing all his toes (x3)

And he won't and he won't and he won't  
come out!