



Newsletter Nov/Dec 2022

A very warm welcome back to you all! We hope that you all had a lovely half term break, and we are looking forward to all the exciting activities and learning over the next 2 months!

Diary Dates

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

November

Friday 11th- School Photographer here to take individual photographs

Friday 18th - Children in Need Day- Children can wear something spotty/ Pudsey themed! £1 donation please.

December:

Tuesday 6th- Mr Hullaballo presents his show "Festivals" in nursery

Friday 16th- Jo Jingles Christmas Special

Mon 19th- Christmas Movie Day

Tuesday 20th- Party Day- (children can wear party clothes) and finish for Christmas:

AM session 9-10:30am

PM Session 12-1:30pm

Children return to school on Thursday 5th JANUARY 2022- all normal times

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, including the story of the Nativity. All this learning is about the 'cultural' traditions of each event, such as types of food, clothing and family customs that children experience at these times. More information about our learning is available on the website under the tab 'Parents' and 'Learning Themes and Home Learning'



Home Learning

If your child is absent from Nursery, and/or you would like ideas of activities to do at home, then please go to the same section as above. There you will find lots of ideas linked to our learning in school for you to do at home with your child!

<https://www.ballyclarenurseryschool.co.uk/parents/learning-themes/>



Clothing Bin

Please continue to 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 use our "School App" and check notifications regularly. This is now being used to send messages to remind you of events, when letters are available and other useful information and reminders. Please use the 'Calendar' feature to check for dates and events throughout the year. The app also opens our full school website. Please also check this regularly for reminders and also to see photographs and videos of what your child's class has been doing via our password protected 'Class Pages'.

Children In Need

Every year we support BBC Children in Need. On Friday 18th November children can come to school dressed in spots and anything Pudsey! We ask for a donation of £1 per child. Collection tins will be outside each classroom. The children will be doing lots of fun activities and having spotty snacks!



Big Bedtime Read

We launched our Big Bedtime Read initiative on PJ Day in October. Every child received a book as a gift. We will be starting to send home book packs very soon. In the meantime, all our book packs can be found on our website to open and read virtually! There is further information

about this and other activities for parents on the 'Getting Ready to Learn' website:

<https://www.gettingreadytolearn.co.uk/parents/>

School Photographer

The school photographer will be here on Friday 11th November to take individual children's photographs. All photographs will be available to buy online afterwards. Further details will follow.

Contacting Us

If you need to let us know anything during the day whilst your child is in nursery, please phone us. Emails are not checked continually throughout the day and therefore should only be used for non-urgent queries and messages. We aim to answer all queries by email within 24 hours whenever possible.

Open Afternoon for Admissions September 2023

Any child who will be 3 on or before 1st July 2023 will be due to start Nursery next September! We will be holding our 'Open Afternoon' event on Tuesday 6th Dec for families brand new to our school!.

There is further information on our website on how to book an appointment etc. and we will be available to talk over the phone to any parent who would like to find out more. If you know of anyone who has a child who will be due to start Nursery School then please let them know!

They can also register their interest for a place in Ballyclare Nursery School by visiting our website and going to the 'Parents' tab, then "Admissions Information" and completing a short form. ***(Please note this is NOT an application form and the usual online application process via EA website will still need to***

be completed.)

Christmas Gifts

We know that parents are always very generous at this time of year in the giving of gifts to staff. We would very much appreciate that, rather than giving us gifts, you donate to our Christmas Charity- further information to follow. Money can be given to your child's teacher in an envelope please. We will then make a donation from the school on the children's behalf. Thank you.

Christmas Party Day

Children will be having a Christmas Party in school on Tuesday 20th December. Children can wear party clothes on this day.

The times of these are:

AM Session 9:00- 10:30am

PM Session 12:00-1:30pm

Nursery closes on this day for the Christmas Holidays.

Children return on Wednesday 5th January 2022 at normal times.



Thank you

We would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your ongoing support this year.