News Letter October 2019

Term 2

Welcome back everyone; I hope you have all had a nice October break.

Up and coming events:

**Sponsored** **Splashathon** (Please join us if you can) – Thursday 24th October a sponsor sheet will be given out this week.

**Stay and play w/c 28th October 2019**  will take place all week, please speak to Frances Bell if you would like to come along.

**Halloween 31st October 2019** – The change to the 1140 hours makes it very difficult to have one big celebration for Halloween. The children will participate in Halloween experiences throughout the week with dressing up on the Thursday if they wish. Dressing up clothes will also be available in nursery for children to use all week.

**Family Book Bug Session 7th November 2019** - The nursery would very much like you to come along to a Book Bug session with your child. Book Bug is a fantastic opportunity to interact and enjoy singing and learning with your child. Please see Frances or Mary if you would like to come along.

**Parents Numeracy Workshop 12th November 2019** – Thanks to Clare and Michelle we had a very successful literacy workshop last month. Please come along so that we can make the numeracy workshop with Linda, Danielle and Frances McNulty a success too. If you would like to attend please speak to one of the above staff and let them know you will be coming along. Times will be confirmed nearer the time.

**Tartan and St. Andrew’s Day** **28th November 2019** – Wear something tartan or checked. Please **do not** go out buying something new for this day; we do not want you to spend money on something for one day. The nursery will give the children something tartan when they come in if need be.

**Toys for Social Work week**: **w/c 2 December 2019** - Over the years Ardnahoe has collected toys to give to social work for allocation to children experiencing poverty or homelessness over the Christmas period. If you can donate a gift we will be collecting throughout this week.

**PJ’s and Bedtime story day 5th December 2019** – Children can wear their pyjamas to nursery and the staff will be promoting stories for bed and bedtime routines. Parents are welcome to join in.

**Christmas Party/ Santa fun day 18th December 2019**: More information will follow for this event. If your child does not attend this day please speak to Frances or Mary.

Parents Meetings/Evenings:

**Parents’ evenings will take place between 4.00 and 6.00 on the following dates: –**

Wednesday 13th November 2019 for – Tricia/Michelle, Kirsty, Danielle, Beata and Linda

Wednesday 20th November 2019 for – Clare, Mirsie, Stephanie, Frances McN

Wednesday 27th November 2019 for – Laura, Gayle/Leigh

Please book a time slot with Frances Bell or Mary. If the above date is not suitable for you please speak to Mary or Frances who will be happy to arrange another time.

1140 hours: Prior to the holiday Frances Bell started a consultation process with parents with regards to the nursery opening throughout the year rather than just term time. This move would **only** take place in January 2020 if the demand warrants the change earlier than the planned timescale of August 2020. If you are interested in a 52 weeks contract, and Frances has not spoken to you, please try to catch up with her or Mary who will be happy to talk through the information with you. Meantime as soon as I have any news in this regard I will get back to you.

Building Works: I mentioned in my August News Letter that the remainder of the work required at the front entrance, office and cloakroom areas was planned to take place during the October holiday week. This, as you will no doubt have notice, has not happened due to material ordering delays. City Building are however keen to complete the work this side of the year and I will keep you informed of any update.

Warm clothing: As we approach the winter and the weather becomes colder can I remind parents to ensure their child is suitably dressed with a warm jumper/cardigan for accessing outdoor play. Can you also ensure children are wearing old clothes; nursery outdoor play can be very messy and we have the children out every day no matter the weather? Can you also check that your child has a change of clothes in their bag? Some children’s feet seem to be getting wet inside wellingtons, staff will let you know if their wellingtons need replaced due to leaks. Meanwhile a few pairs of socks for changing would be worthwhile in the shoe bags. The nursery will also purchase emergency stand-by socks.

*Indoor shoes: In order to ensure children are wearing their own shoes and to avoid children having a preference for someone else’s slippers/shoes can we ask that when you are replacing indoor shoes as your child’s feet grow, that you purchase black* ***plimsolls’****. This will allow staff to write your child’s name on the front of the shoes therefore prevent confusion. Plimsolls’ can be purchased from Asda for £2.50.*

*School enrolment week****:*** I can confirm that this year’s P1 registration for those children due to start school in August 2020 will commence on ***Monday 4 November until Friday 8 November 2019***. Click on link below for GCC Web page to access the P1 on line application form:-

<https://www.glasgow.gov.uk/article/18007/Starting-Primary-School>

Past experience has highlighted parents having difficulties when using mobile phones for completion of the application. Should you experience any difficulties with this process please speak to Ellen, Mary or Frances who will be happy to assist.

*New staff:* We are very happy to welcome two new staff to Ardnahoe. Tracey Qua Catering Assistant will support Natalie in the kitchen, and Nicole MacLeod Support for Learning Worker who will also support the delivery of lunches and provide support to children with additional support needs.

We have also got three Child Care students starting with us this term and we would like to make them feel welcome, Sahida, Victoria and Beth. We will also have a young boy called Aiden coming from Kings Park High School.

*Lunch for afternoon children:* Children coming in to start nursery at 1.00 o’clock will be given a lunch at 1.30pm. In order to prevent a lot of food waste and if you are happy to give your child lunch before they come to nursery, could you please let Frances, Mary or Ellen know if you **do not** want your child to have a lunch.

**Mary and all the staff at Ardnahoe**