**October Newsletter( Pre School children)**

It’s hard to believe that September is behind us and the children have spent a month getting to know eachother! Here are some keys pieces of information for this month:

**Topic/theme**: Autumn/ Goldilocks

**How can you help at home?:**

* practice pulling up zips on coats as we will be putting waterproofs on everyday.
* Talk about seasonal changes; go for an Autumn walk to collect conkers/leaves etc. and talk about Autumn colours
* Take time to talk about our Golden Rules and use the books and puppets to help reinforce these
* Retell the story of Goldilocks at home together.

**Annual report 2022-23**

A copy of the schools Annual Report for the last academic year is available on request from the office.

**School clothing:**

If you have not done so already, please send three pairs of socks for your child’s drawer. We have noticed that a significant number of children do not have their school jumpers named, this makes it very difficult for staff to keep track. Please ensure all school clothing is labelled including coats/ hats and shoes.

**School office hours:**

Mrs Whitton is in the office from 1pm-3.30pm each day. Mrs Phair is in the office all day on Mondays and Tuesdays. Calls outside of these hours may not be answered immediately. If you need to get in touch urgently outside of the office hours an email to Mrs Phair at lphair736@c2kni.net may be the quickest way to get through to school or you can leave a message on the answer phone and we will come back to you.

**Nursery Fund:**

Nursery fund is £15 per month and covers all costs in nursery. This includes all trips, snacks, ingredients for baking, any toys or resources purchased, the cost of providing summer and winter waterproofs and wellies for each child as well as a host of other things. We ask that this is paid at the start of each month via the yellow envelopes. If you wish to pay the amount as a one off yearly payment please contact Mrs Whitton in the office any afternoon.

**Nursery Parents Group:**

If you have not already joined this group and would like to, please search ‘Nursery parents group 23-24’ on fb and request to join.

This group will be used for reminders and for parents to keep in touch about nursery related things.

**Forest Schools**

Mrs McBride will be running forest school sessions in school with the children on Thursday 12th and Fri 13th of October

**Macmillan Coffee Morning**

Our ‘Friends of Enniskillen Nursery School’ are organising this fundraiser for Friday 6th October 10am-11.30. Please invite family and friends and come and join us for a cuppa and a chat if you are free and all donations will go to this worthwhile charity.

**FODC multisports:**

This Friday we will begin our sports sessions with coaches from Fermanagh and Omagh District Council. The children will be able to engage in a wide range of sporting activities during these sessions

**Junk Materials**

We would be grateful for any cereal boxes, egg cartons, interesting bits and pieces (clean and dry) that can be used for junk art.

We will also be planting daffodils this month so if you have any small pots at home we would be grateful for these.

**Debbie Doolittle:**

We will be having a visit from Debbie and her animals on Tuesday 24th October. Debbie’s work is completely voluntary and you can find out more about her work through her facebook page. We ask that the children bring with them on this day a small item of pet food/ bird seed etc to gift to Debbie in her work

**Castlecoole Trip:**

We will be making our first trip out on Thursday 26th October. The children will travel by Ulsterbus to and from Castlecoole

**Autumn Day:**

On Friday 27th October we will be having a special Autumn Day. The children can come to school dressed in Autumn colours and we will be having a fun morning of Autumn sensory play activities.

**Play matters:**

Over the next few months you will receive a series of information sheets from Play matters talking about different areas of children’s development and how you can support play for your child. These sheets are very helpful do please take the time to look at them.

**Book lending:**

You will have received the first of our Golden Rules books home for the weekend. Please ensure that these are returned every Monday so that all children can get use of these.

We will also be starting a book lending service at the gate on Mondays and Fridays. Your child can select a book from this and return when they are finished. Please note that we will not be keeping track of these books but request that parents take responsibility for both the care and safe return of these books. We would also be glad of any donations of books that you may have finished with at home and others may enjoy.

**Health Visitors:**

As part of the Early Years project Health Visitors will be visiting school in November for any parent who has concerns over any aspect of their child’s development or well being. Prior to these visits all parents will be asked to complete a short questionnaire on their child and return it to school for the Health Visiting team to collate.

**Help and support**

We are all aware of the spiralling costs of living and as a school we want to support you in any way that we can. We have contact with a local Christian charity, 3:16 Trust, and if you are struggling this organisation may be able to help with food parcels etc. If we can support you with this, please contact Mrs Phair directly, either in person or by email lquigley736@c2kni.net . All contact will be strictly confidential.

**Reminder**: school will be closed for halfterm from Monday 30th October-Friday 3rdth November(inclusive)

Please note that google calendar on the school website has now been updated with all key dates