



Aug' - Oct' 2023



## St. Augustine's Nursery Class



### Welcome to Nursery



Dear Parent/Carers,

It is wonderful to welcome our returning children back into the nursery playroom and to marvel at how much they have grown during the summer. It is also so exciting to see so many new faces join our nursery class. We give a very warm welcome to all our new parents and grandparents who have now joined our nursery community and to the many children who will join us as the nursery year progresses. We hope to forge a strong partnership with you in the coming months. We are delighted to report that the children have settled in very quickly to their new environment and this a great testament to the wonderful staff team who work to ensure all children feel safe, secure and happy.

As our Lead Practitioner Vicki Dunn is on secondment and we await this post being filled please do not hesitate to contact myself via e-mail [nldochertyc1@northlan.org.uk](mailto:nldochertyc1@northlan.org.uk) should you have any concerns. In the first instance please discuss with your child's Key Worker any concerns regarding your child.

We look forward to an exciting year ahead.

Kind Regards

*Mrs. Caroline Docherty*

Head Teacher



### Your child's attendance

Please make sure that your child attends nursery regularly. Nursery is a great time to start building a habit of good attendance. Studies show that good attendance in nursery can set a good pattern for attending school later. Interacting with adults and peers in the nursery setting greatly supports children's social and communication skills. Please **always** contact the nursery if your child is absent for any reason.



### Contact Numbers

We may need to contact you urgently if your child becomes ill at nursery. Please ensure contact telephone numbers and emergency contacts are up to date. Please ensure that your mobile is always switched on (even if on "silent"), whenever possible.



### Important dates for your diary:

#### **Holiday Weekend**

**Frid. 22<sup>nd</sup> and Mon. 25<sup>th</sup> Sept'**

#### **October Break**

**Mon 16<sup>th</sup> – Frid. 20<sup>th</sup>**

**In-Service Day - Monday 13th November**

**December 23 – Jan 24**

**Christmas and New Year Holidays – Mon. 25<sup>th</sup>  
Dec – Frid. 5<sup>th</sup> Jan ( inclusive)  
Nursery re-opens Mon. 8<sup>th</sup> Jan.**

#### **February**

**Mid -term break: Mon. 12<sup>th</sup> Feb. and Tues. 13<sup>th</sup>  
Feb.**

**In-Service Day: Wed. 14<sup>th</sup> Feb.**

### Child illness

Please can we ask that your child does not attend nursery if they have a raised temperature, a severe cough or lots of sneezing. Children can come to nursery with a mild cold, as long as they are well enough to play. If your child has diarrhoea or vomiting, please keep them away from the nursery until they have been clear for 48 hours. Please always contact the nursery if your child is absent for any reason, particularly if they are unwell, as we may need to let other parents know should precautionary measures be required. Please keep your child at home if they have a temperature.



### Spare Clothes/Personal Belongings

We would like to remind parents/carers to please bring a spare change of clothes for your child's bag in case your child requires change for any reason. Please ensure your child has appropriate clothing for the weather such as **wellingtons**.

**We also ask that you label all your child's clothing, shoes etc. to ensure they can be identified if misplaced.**



### Nursery Fund Donation

This is a reminder that our Nursery fund is 50p per day or £2.50 per week. This money can be paid weekly, monthly or termly. It should be deposited into the bank in the foyer.

This money is used for snacks, baking materials, resources, Christmas, graduation and other things that we do not get funding for. Without your continued support we would be unable to undertake these activities.



### MEET THE TEAM

Lead Practitioner – Vicki Dunn (secondment)  
Key Worker – Mrs Michelle Baillie (Ladybirds)  
Key Worker – Mrs Louise Collinson (Butterflies)  
Key Worker- Miss Sophie Chisholm (Caterpillars)  
Key Worker – Mrs Caitlin Laird (Dragonflies)  
Key Worker- Mrs Gilmartin (BusyBees)  
Key Worker - Mrs June O'Neill  
Support Worker – Mrs Tracey King  
Support Worker -post to be filled

### KEY WORKERS

Your child is allocated a named Key Worker who will support your child each day. Staff aim to form relationships with all children and families and we encourage children to work with all adults in our nursery.

### SNACK/LUNCH

Children will enjoy lunch and a healthy snack each day. Lunch menu will follow the NLC Nursery menu. We encourage children to try new foods. Please let your key worker know of any dietary requirements and fill in the appropriate paperwork where applicable. Please see NLC website for nursery menu.

### OUTDOOR LEARNING

Outdoor play is a key aspect of daily play that presents a wide variety of learning experiences for all children. We take part in the daily mile each morning to prepare children for their busy day of learning. Children also have the opportunity to access the nursery garden each day both in the morning and afternoon. Appropriate outdoor clothes/rainwear means our inclement weather does not stop us getting outside to play, investigate and have fun. Please ensure your child brings in a pair of wellies for outdoor play. Thank you.

### CONTACT DETAILS

St Augustine's Nursery Class: 01236 6032090

Email: [nldochertyc1@northlan.org.uk](mailto:nldochertyc1@northlan.org.uk)

Twitter: @St Augustines\_PS Search for St. Augustine's Primary on google to access our school website

### UNIFORM

Children are welcome to wear their own clothes. However, we have our own nursery uniform that is available from Scotcrest.

### ROUTINES

St Augustine's Nursery Class is committed to ensuring that children attending our nursery provision have time to settle into their new environment. Our initial priority is your child's emotional wellbeing and staff will be spending lots of time getting to know your child to ensure they feel safe and secure in their new setting. We will provide lots of learning experiences and will encourage free play to let your child settle in and become more confident in their learning environment. In time, our staff will be carrying out observations of all the children to help us plan a range of learning experiences to meet their individual needs and interests.



### Proposed Strike Action

We have been notified by UNISON and Unite that some of their members will take part in strike action on various dates between 7 and 13 September. Further details to follow in terms of how this will impact service delivery if strike action goes ahead.

## PARKING AROUND THE SCHOOL AND NURSERY

Please be mindful of the zig zag markings around the school and nursery campus that prohibit parking. The zig zags are enforceable and would result in a fine.

There are an increasing number of cars parking on the zig zags and parking on or near the roundabout. This is irresponsible and inconsiderate parking and is leading to children walking between parked cars to cross the road to school. Please, please be mindful of our children and park and stride as a matter of course.



Your support in this matter would be greatly appreciated and ensure the safety of all children.

### Bringing food and toys to nursery

Please ensure your child does not attend nursery with sweets or toys placed in their bag or pockets. There are planned snacktimes with healthy food options to meet the needs of children at noted times throughout the day. We also want to avoid any child losing a favoured toy.

### Nursery Feedback

Nursery staff greatly appreciate your feedback. If there is anything you wish to bring to our attention please complete the tear off slip and return to the nursery.

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