

Faith

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**Learn Together, Laugh Together, Be the Best You Can!**

### **Nursery Newsletter 8, Mar 2019**

Enjoyment

Respect

Dear Parents and Carers, well it's been another busy few weeks in our nursery and lots more learning has taken place in our busy rooms and outdoor areas. It's lovely to feel the weather getting a bit warmer now for our children as they enjoy their outdoor play

I'm sure you could smell the delicious pancakes the children made and then enjoyed on Tuesday to celebrate Shrove Tuesday! Our mouths were watering and we all enjoyed! Well done boys and girls and thank you ladies for providing this opportunity.

We have purchased Easter Eggs for all our children. Amanda has been keeping an eye on prices for us and managed to get us 100 Easter Eggs half price! Well done that lady. The eggs will be a little surprise for our children on the last day of term .... sssshhh! Thank you for all snack donations and fundraising that help us to provide these treats for our children.

Talking of the last day of term, our nursery closes on Fri 29<sup>th</sup> March at 2.30pm. We then have a 2 week holiday and are back to nursery on Mon 15<sup>th</sup> April. Our nursery closes again on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> at 2.30pm for the Easter weekend and reopens on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> at the normal time.

We now have a grand total of 82% of all our parents and carers fully signed up to parent pay. That's great, thank you ... please help us get to 100% if you've not already signed up. Need any help with this? Please speak to Amanda in our office.

What a wonderful day we had last Friday with the children dressed up as their favourite characters to celebrate World Book Day. They had great fun listening to and telling stories, especially about their costumes, and they even took part in a parade around our school to show off their costumes to our school children who were delighted to see them. Thank you so much to all parents and carers for supporting these events.

Caireen, our Photographer was in this week and has taken photographs of our nursery children which I am sure will be delightful. The children were full of smiles and we were very proud of how well they managed to keep themselves clean!

As you may know, we distribute our newsletter via e-mail and this is how we are intending to move forward more and more. That way, we will save money on paper and photocopying costs and I'm sure you understand how strict we are needing to become with our budgets and expenditure. If you have not yet signed up to receive your newsletter in this way, would you please let Amanda know your e-mail address and she will add you to the group. Many thanks for your support with this.

We are very excited about Aiken Drum presenting the Dingle Dangle Scarecrow on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March 2019! We are looking forward to what is going to be a wonderful event for our children.

Can you help? We are looking to build up a bank of loose parts which we can use and incorporate in to our children's play to help with their learning. As part of our commitment to improving play for the children at St Elizabeth's Nursery, we are introducing the use of 'loose parts' into our playground. Loose parts are items and materials that children can use in their play. They provide a high level of creativity and choice and the possibilities are endless for how they can be used. Research shows that children like to play with loose parts because they can use their imagination and have greater control in their play. Children are amazingly creative and will be able to use the most ordinary of objects in a fun and enjoyable way and will adapt them as they please.

We are therefore beginning to build up a loose parts area in nursery that stocks a variety of items. These items could range from pots and pans to tyres, rope, tubs, utensils, tubes, old musical equipment, rugs, material, wood, logs, crates etc... Basically, anything that a child can play with. It would be wonderful if you could donate any unwanted items from the list attached. Thank you very much everyone.

Any items brought into nursery can be placed in the storage tubs in the nursery foyer and must be safe for the children to handle. The children will be shown how to use the objects in a safe and enjoyable way. If you are interested in knowing more about the benefits of loose parts play, you may find the following link of interest:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nq1KyJJeKg>

Thank you very much everyone for any donations.

And finally, Mrs Emmett, one of our DHT's is retiring in June. Those of you who know Mrs Emmett will know her outstanding commitment and enthusiasm to her role and, more importantly our school and community. We will be planning an event next term in our school for parents and families to come along and help celebrate Mrs Emmett's teaching career. We are also beginning to think of a gift from our children and anyone wishing to contribute to this should please hand in a donation at our nursery office.

Best wishes everyone

Miss C MacPhee  
Head Teacher





