

January 2023



## Busy Days at Strathfoyle Nursery School



The staff would like to wish you all a very Happy New Year and thank you for your kind Christmas wishes, cards and gift donations. You can check out the website for some nostalgic 'Christmas moments'. We welcome everyone back after the holidays to Term 2 where we will be getting re acquainted with our friends as we work and play together and learn new things. We will also be developing our themes of Winter, Animal Planet and People Who Help us through the six key areas of the curriculum.

The children are enjoying getting back into the school dinner routine and we continue to encourage and monitor them in developing good eating habits and ongoing hand hygiene. We will liaise with parents on an individual basis if there are any ongoing concerns. As there continues to be concern about Strep A and respiratory related illnesses, please refer to the guidance about symptoms previously sent out when monitoring your child's health which is also available on the website. Please ensure your child is fit and well to be at nursery school and contact us for further advice if needed.

### Dates for your Diary

Tara Mc Dermott—Extended Schools Speech and Language therapist is back weekly every Thursday in Term 2.

Mini Professor Sessions begin Thursday 19th January 2023, more details to follow

Story bags—The borrowing of Story Bags will resume today Monday 9th January 2023, Thank you for your continued support with your child's bedtime reading.

\*Please return any outstanding story bags and books as soon as possible.\*

Fortnightly Friday visits to the local library for each class begin in Term 2 with Ms Fox's Class enjoying a crisp, dry winter walk to their first session last Friday.



### Skills and Attributes your child will be developing this month.

#### **I am trying hard to:**

- stop and listen to what is being said
- build on my concentration skills
- recognise my own name
- use materials to make 3D models
- count small sets and count aloud
- explore shapes and colour—rectangle/white
- observe and explore 'winter'

#### What you can do to encourage and help at home

- engage your child in two-way conversation
- use their name first when you seek them to follow short instructions, make eye contact
- ask your child to carry out tasks that are a little tricky to do and give them time to do these
- make your child's name together and display at home
- have fun with recycling materials to make anything you want
- invite your child to count objects in the kitchen, setting the table, washing, etc
- shape and colour hunt
- winter walk—talk about changes/weather what we wear
- have fun in the snow if it comes! - freeze some water, observe ice etc

### Applications for SNS 2023 Intake

Available online from Tuesday 10th January 2023 at 12 Noon, if you or someone you know has a child of Nursery Age please advise them to check the EA website. Closing date for online applications is Friday 27th January 2023 at 12Noon.

### Applications for P1 2023 intake

Also available online and closing date for online applications is 12 Noon 27th January 2023

### Key Vocabulary

**Winter**—frost, snow, ice, cold, freezing, bitter, slippery, icy, melting, sparkling, glittering, blizzard, softly, gently, twigs, branches, de-icer

**Cold Lands**—Arctic—Inuit, igloo, huskies, polar bears, icebergs, penguins, sledges, puffin, arctic hare, caribou, seals

**Hot lands**—Jungle, forest, bamboo, trees, mud, swamps, lion, tiger, giraffes, elephants, parrots, monkeys

**Birds**—robins, crows, sparrows, bird cake, seed, bird table, crumbs, currants, raisins, lard

**Road Safety**—zebra crossing, traffic, footpath, pavement, dangerous, careful, accidents, safety, car seats, reflective vests

**Winter clothes**—warm, woolly, furry, coat, scarf, hat, gloves, mittens, cosy, boots



### Uniform

We would like to remind parents that we will be outside every day—During this cold weather we would like you to ensure that your child has a **WARM WATERPROOF** coat with hood in every day.

All children should be wearing suitable (correctly sized) shoes—No laces please. Please check that coats, gloves, shoes and hats are named. Thank you.



### Wanted please

Old Christmas Cards, shoe boxes for craft, white polystyrene pieces, empty clean yoghurt pots for bird cakes. Any old bits and pieces to source a 'tinkering table' e.g. old clocks, cameras, hinges, locks/padlocks, keys, bits with moving parts.

Thank you

## January Rhymes

### Little Robin Redbreast

Little Robin Redbreast sat upon a tree,  
Up went pussy cat, and down went he!  
Down came pussy, and away Robin ran;  
Says little Robin Redbreast, "Catch me if you can!"



### A Winter Song

It's wintertime and cold.  
It's wintertime and cold.  
Hi, Ho, the derry-o  
It's wintertime and cold.

The trees have lost their leaves.  
The trees have lost their leaves.  
Hi, Ho, the derry-o  
The trees have lost their leaves.

The bear sleeps in his cave.  
The bear sleeps in his cave.  
Hi, Ho, the derry-o  
The bear sleeps in his cave.



### Funny Snowman

A Funny little snowman had  
a carrot nose.  
Along came a rabbit..and  
what do you suppose!  
The hungry little rabbit,  
while looking for his lunch—  
He ate the snow man's nose.  
Nibble, nibble, crunch!



### Five Little Penguins (tune of five currant buns)

Five furry penguins in a toy shop  
Black and white with some snow on the top  
Along came (child's name) with a penny  
one day  
He/she bought a little penguin and took  
it away  
(do 4,3,2,1,0)



### Down in the Jungle

Down in the jungle where  
nobody goes  
There's a big elephant wash-  
ing his clothes.  
With a rub-a-dub here, and  
a rub-a-dub there, That's  
the way he washes his  
clothes.

### Dance like Snowflakes (Frere Jacques)

Dance like snowflakes, dance like snowflakes  
In the air, in the air  
Whirling, twirling, snowflakes, whirling, twirling, snowflakes,  
Here and there, here and there.

