

September/October 2023

**BUSY DAYS AT STRATHFOYLE NURSERY
SCHOOL**



Skills and attributes being developed during 'Settling In' Sept/Oct at SNS are:

Language Development: I am trying hard to-

- show good looking and listening during story time
- use kind words as I play and ask for help when I need it
- talk about my news and join in rhymes/songs
- learn to listen to my friends and adults who help me

PSED - I am trying hard to-

- get to know my friends and adults who help me
- learn early routines
- have a 'happy' play

Physical Development-I am trying hard to -

- wash my hands well
- put on my coat and shoes
- move safely as I play inside and outside
- build on my fine and gross motor skills

This is how you can help me

- Talk about my name and those of my new friends - there is a class list in this newsletter
- Help me remember that SNS is a 'happy place' and chat to me about nursery rules that help keep me safe
- Praise me for all my work and efforts—talk to me about work I bring home and hang it up
- Come close to me, first say my name and then tell me what you need me to do. I will try my best to listen—this takes time to learn
- Have hand washing fun with singing the "super soap song" with me
- Keep helping me practice with putting on my coat and shoes—Velcro fasteners help me to do it by myself
- Remind me to hold your hand when coming to and from nursery school

Topics

Our topic for Sept/October is 'I am special, I am ME!' Children focus on themselves, babies and families. We are beginning to explore Autumn now and later in October Harvest time and Halloween

Language/Numeracy: Each month you will receive a monthly vocabulary list and ideas for you to further develop your child's numeracy and language skills.

Key Vocabulary

Colour—blue, orange, black, red, yellow and brown

Shape—circle

Autumn—leaves, hedgehogs, squirrels, chestnuts, conkers, acorns, berries, fluttering, floating, crunchy, rustling, rosehips, blackberries, hibernate.

Family—Mum, Dad, brother, sister, Granny, Grandad, Aunt, Uncle, cousin.

Babies—nappies, bottle, blanket, cot, cradle, lullaby, crawling, crying.

Halloween—spiders, bats, webs, pumpkin, scary, spooky and creepy.

**SUGGESTED ACTIVITIES TO DO
WITH YOUR CHILD AT HOME**

Talk to your child about members of their family.

Find a baby photo and talk about how they have changed.

Play 'I spy' with orange, yellow and brown items in your home.

Discuss and name different fruits and vegetables when out shopping

Talk about healthy eating and encourage your child to sample new fruit and veg.

Talk about the leaves changing colours and then falling from the tree

Get your child share the 'Nursery Rhyme Pack' with members of the family—the children are excited to bring them home.

Outdoor Play - Please can you send in a pair of labelled WELLIES to stay in SNS and make sure your child wears a warmer coat now autumn is here. Thank you.



School Dinners:

Children will be having dinners for the first time next week. The menu has been discussed with School Meals and the children will experience the dinner routine in a safe environment. If you still need to discuss your child's dietary needs/allergies, please get in touch.

Dinners are £2.50 daily, £12.50 per week and payable in advance each Monday in blue school Money envelopes. School funds can be put in the same envelope. We greatly appreciate timely Monday payments. If there is over payment please be advised this will be carried over to the following week.

Don't forget if you haven't already done so to apply for EA FSM if you are eligible. Please note there is currently a backlog in processing applications.

SNS Home School Communication: We will provide weekly photos of the children's busy days and events at SNS. Hopefully, you all received a message via the website app last week. If you have any concerns or wish to check in about your child, Miss O'Kane and Mrs Doherty are available most afternoons to take a call.

Dates for your Diary

Wednesday 4th October '23—School Closed

HARVEST WEEK - Monday 16th -Wednesday 18th October '23 donation of gifts from parents, thank you celebrated **Fri 20th Oct '23**

Friday 27th Oct' 23 - SNS Hallowe'en Dress Up
Monday 30th October to Friday 3rd November '23—School Closed for Halloween Week.

Settling In Parent Meeting/Health Visitor 3+ Reviews

'Settling in' face to face meetings will take place week beginning Mon 23rd- 27th Oct '23 with Mrs Doherty and Miss O'Kane. They are looking forward to meeting with you to update you on your child's early days and discuss any concerns you may have. Look out for meeting appointment times in a separate letter. You will also be receiving further information about completion of 3+ reviews and the opportunity to meet with the health visitor at SNS.

Policies+ Safeguarding

You have received our Child Protection procedures and policy outlining how we promote positive behaviour in the nursery school which will be further discussed at the Parents Welcome Meeting this Wednesday 20th September. A Child Protection Board is displayed at both entrances including flowcharts for concerns/complaints for your information. The complaints procedure for parents can be e-mailed to you upon further request again.

Thank you for keeping your child safe when coming to and leaving school. Make sure to **hold** your child's hand. We will be enforcing this safety message over the coming week with the children who are working hard, developing their attention and listening skills. Please keep reinforcing this through words and actions particularly at drop off and collection times.

Miss O' Kane's Class

Aidan	Maisy
Shaun	Seb
Seamus	Mia
Ennis	Reign
Ellarose	Penny
Amelia	Shae
Eimhéar	
Caomhán	
Riley	Elijah
Oisín	Maja
Sophie	Harley
Kacie	Enda
Kayden	Sam
Cody	Clara
Dempsey	



Mrs Doherty's

<u>Class</u>	Niall	Cillían
Theo	Clodagh	Cathán Jack
Alby	Teddy	Fíadh
Niamh	Owen	Maya Matthew
Freya	Hannah	Arlo Freya
Tristan	Rory	Cian Cara
Casey	Thomas	Brayden
		Finn Aoife

Songs and Rhymes

A few minutes each night singing these rhymes with your child will not only be an enjoyable experience, but will help your child's language development and memory skills.

Dingle Dangle Scarecrow.

When all the cows are sleeping,
and the sun has gone to bed,
up jumped the scarecrow,
and this is what he said,

"I'm a Dingle Dangle scarecrow
with a floppy floppy hat,
I can shake my hands like this
I can stamp my feet like that



Autumn Leaves

Autumn leaves are falling down,
falling down, falling down
Autumn leaves are falling down,
Red, orange, yellow, brown.



Tommy Thumb

Tommy thumb, tommy thumb,
Where are you?
Here I am, Here I am,
How do you do?

Peter Pointer (index finger)
Toby Tall (middle finger)
Ruby Ring (ring finger)
Baby Small (small finger)
Fingers all

HELLO SONG

Hello everyone, hello everyone
Glad that you could come (x2)

Roll arms upwards
Clap your hands

GOODBYE SONG

Goodbye everyone, goodbye everyone
Glad that you could come (x2)
Ai, ai, ai, ai, ai
Glad that you could come

Roll arms upwards
Clap your hands



Handwashing

Wash your dirty hands
Wash your dirty hands
Rub a dub dub
Scrub a scrub scrub
Wash your dirty hands

Grace Before Meals

Thank you for the world so sweet,
Thank you for the food we eat,
Thank you for the birds that sing,
Thank you God for everything
Amen.

I'm a Little teapot

I'm a little teapot, short and stout
Here's my handle, here's my spout
When I see the tea cups hear me shout
Tip me up and pour me out.

