

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.

Get your child to find a baby photograph 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 vegetables

Talk to your child 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.

School will be closed next Monday 19th September as an Exceptional Closure Day to mark Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II's state funeral. We have revised school dinner start times to begin the following week and will clarify this further at our welcome meetings next Tuesday 20th September starting at 1:45pm or 7pm.

School Dinners:

Children will be having dinners for the first time soon. The menu has been discussed with School Meals and the children will experience the dinner routine in a safe environment. If you 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 yellow school Money envelopes. School funds can be put in the same envelope. Miss Feeney greatly appreciates timely Monday payment. 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.

Teacher 2 Parent Text Service

This facility will further enhance links between home and school. Please ensure that we have up to date mobile numbers by informing Miss Feeney in the school office of any changes

Dates for your Diary

Friday 30th September 22—School Closed

Monday 31st October to Friday 4th November—School Closed for Halloween Week.

First Parent Meeting

'Settling in' face to face meetings will take place week beginning 17th October. We will be holding a short meeting with our parents to update you on your child's early days with us and discuss any concerns you may have. Look out for meeting appointment times in a separate letter.

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. 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. 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 home time

Ms Fox's Class

Cobhan	Harley
Niamh	Pippa-Rose
Joe	Lile
Clóda	Sara
Auley	AJ
Jake	Shea
Ena	Saanvi
Oisín	Reuben
Jayden	Evie
Amelia	Max
Orin	Anna
Elvie	Darragh
Esmay	Adam



Mrs Craig's Class

Sophie	John-Henry
Rónán	Charlie
Bláan	Sophia
Oisín	Aodhán
Theo	Saoirse
Lily	Bobbie-Leigh
Beth	Amelia
Gracie	Ross
Ivy	Rionach
Ellen	D'Arcy
Tommy	Aria
Orlaith	Cameron
Eoin	Conor