

BALLYMENA NURSERY SCHOOL FEBRUARY 2021 NEWSLETTER



Hello everyone!

We are so delighted and encouraged to see your photographs and read your positive comments on Tapestry. Thank you for sharing your family news of keeping healthy, exercising, walking and learning through play, while enjoying lots of fun activities, listening to stories and playing in the snow! You are all doing an amazing job - well done!!!!

Please continue to keep in touch via Tapestry and visit our Nursery website regularly as you will find useful information which will help to strengthen and maintain links with our whole Nursery community and in particular with "our children".

(www.ballymenanursery.co.uk)

Thank you to Mrs. Mc Mullan for her skills as ICT co-ordinator, Tapestry controller, and for her energy as "Mrs, Motivator" while sharing original ideas to keep active and moving. Thank you to

Mrs. McGall for her excellent story telling skills and wonderful resources for activities and thank you to all of the staff for their comments and messages for the children. If you have any problems with Tapestry, please contact Mrs. Mc Mullan on

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Re-start date

As you probably are already aware, **the new date for the re-start of Nursery school is now 8th March.**

Sharing from the Start (SFS)

We have a number of exciting SFS activities planned for February with Castle Tower Nursery School and First Steps Community Playgroup. There are still a few outstanding parental consent forms for SFS. Please complete as soon as possible either via Tapestry or download a consent form from our website.

Getting Ready to Learn (GRTL)

Another initiative which the Nursery promotes is "Getting Ready to Learn - Delivering Social Change" which is an early intervention transformation programme.

(www.publichealth.hscni.net),

"Playing with parents is number one -Getting ready for learning is lots of fun." (www.education-ni.gov.uk) resources for parents; Hungry Little Minds.

Free goody bags***

When we return to Nursery, we will be issuing free home learning packs to each child funded by GRTL. These resources are for you to enjoy and to support your child's development of the 4 GRTL learning themes of:-

Education works in Pre-school

Happy Healthy kids;

Ages and Stages; and

Big Bedtime Read.

SCHOOL FUND MONEY

There will be no school fund for January/February and any payments paid in advance will be carried forward or refunded.

Focus of learning for February

As we are a CRED "incredible" school (Community Relations, Equality and Diversity), we will learn from our focus of interest for Chinese New Year (The year of the Ox). We will continue to focus on the richness of diversity within our Nursery and with our Sharing from the Start friends. We will introduce "Kim" from China and "Kathleen" from the travelling community from our Media Initiative respecting difference Programme for children (Mifc). Our focus of interest for February is Sharing from the Start/ Inclusion/Pancake day Chinese New Year and Kindness/Valentine's Day

PARENTS' QUESTIONNAIRE

Due to our sudden closure, parental questionnaires planned for January are postponed. A baseline parent questionnaire will be issued for SHARING FROM THE START (www.sharingfromthestart.org.uk).

*Stay safe and well everyone.
Together we will get through this.
May we encourage the use of
facemasks/face coverings for all
adults delivering and collecting
children when we return to nursery
school.*

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