



Waringstown P.S. Nursery News

September 2020

A **big welcome** to all the new children starting Nursery this month! September is a busy month for the children, learning new routines and becoming familiar with the indoor & outdoor environment. We hope your child will enjoy their first days at Nursery school and if you have any concerns at any stage please feel free to talk these over with Mrs Emerson by telephone or through the Seesaw app.

While we have had to make changes to some of our routines in the Nursery due to Covid 19 our aim is still to provide your child with the highest quality of pre-school education possible with the provision of excellent learning and teaching opportunities. Some of our changes include....

- Staggered drop off and home times
- Drop off and pick up of children at the side nursery gate outdoors
- Washing of hands upon arrival of all children
- Moving more activities outdoors including registration, and music/story time on dry days
- Cleaning of toys and wiping of all surfaces between groups of children and during playtime
- Washing of dressing up clothes and dolls clothes, Adventure Ted, etc.
- Hometime changing to 11.20/11.30am to allow staff time for cleaning
- Staff wearing visors or masks on occasions
- No parents to enter the nursery buildings to protect our class 'bubble'
- Use of seesaw app to provide a link with parents

Please bear with us as we get used to the many changes! We do hope that your child will feel happy in our nursery environment and that you can trust we are doing all that we can to make ensure they are safe and secure.

DROPPING OFF

We are using the side nursery gate for drop off and pick up this year. From your child's third day at nursery the school's side gate will open from 8.40 am with staggered arrival times (please see restart document on the School Website to find out what time your child should arrive at). It is advisable for **one** adult only to accompany your child to school, say goodbye at the gate and remain **OUTSIDE** the nursery grounds. Please ensure that your child comes to Nursery wearing a warm waterproof coat with a hood each day. Children will be asked to wash their hands on arrival to Nursery before they self register. We respectfully ask that parents do not linger at the gate/fence after drop off especially as we try to settle the children in the month of September and to avoid congestion at that area. If there is a change to the designated adult coming to collect your child on a particular day (which differs from the named adults you provided on the Getting to know your child Form) please inform Nursery Staff at the Side Gate.

KEY LANGUAGE and RHYME SHEETS

Each month we will send home a Key Language Sheet for you to look at with your child to reinforce the new words/vocabulary they are learning at Nursery. We will also send a rhyme sheet which will include some of the songs/rhymes we will be learning in Nursery. Enjoy singing these at home with your child.



WORK TRAYS

Each child has their own named work tray in the classroom to keep their artwork and also our notes and letters for you. Your child has been given a plastic zip folder which will house the limited paper which will be sent home from Nursery. Please ensure this is returned to school the following day.



September Birthdays!

Happy birthday to **Jacob G. and Samuel** this month - and to **Eliza, Bella, Luna and Lara** who turned four over the summer! At Nursery we celebrate birthdays on the Friday following your child's birthday. You do not need to send a birthday cake to Nursery. We will celebrate the summer birthdays on Friday 25 September. Look out for your child's photograph on seesaw!



Adventure Ted

Adventure Ted is our Class Teddy who loves to go on weekend visits to our children's homes. We will send him home to each child throughout the course of the year on a Friday. You are welcome to take a photo of his adventures with your child and send to school with him and his bag the following Monday. He will be washed along with his bag and clothes in the washing machine before giving to the next child.

Dates to remember...

The home time will be extended until **11.20/11.30am** from **Monday 28 September**. Information regarding home times will be sent out via Seesaw once all the nursery children are enrolled.

Lastly, please remember to check any new notifications or announcements regularly via the Seesaw app. It will be the main way of providing a link with parents and letting you see what your child has been up to during their playtime!

Many thanks for all your continued support,

The Nursery Staff

