



# Castlereagh Nursery School

'Hand in Hand We Learn Together'

## February 2022 Newsletter



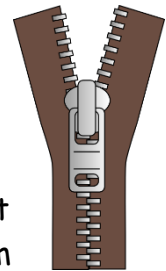
Last month the children enjoyed learning about Chinese New Year, tasting Chinese food and creating their own Chinese writing and art work. They were excited about the 'Cold Lands and Winter' topic and explored the properties of ice in the water tray.

### What are we learning in February?

This month the children will be learning all about Our Homes, Animal homes and looking out for the first signs of Spring. We will be using various junk materials to make bird houses.

### Helping your child at home

Well done to those children who have worked hard to put on and zip up their own coats by themselves. What a great achievement!! Please encourage your child to attempt to zip up their own coat and put on their hat and gloves. This enables them to become more independent when we are getting ready to go outside. Please ensure you send a warm coat and a hat if possible, to school, every day with your child.



### Adverse Weather

We take the decision to close the school, for any reason, very seriously. We will always endeavour to remain open, however in the event of serious risk to pupil/parent or staff safety, we will notify you by text as soon as the decision to close has been made.

Please ensure your mobile number is up-to-date with Mrs Sloan in the office!

### School Website

Please check the school website regularly. The calendar on the website can be sync'd to your mobile device so you will never miss another event/update.

### Building Works

We are so excited that the building works have started in the nursery and even in 1 week they have made such progress. Thank you for your co-operation in using the garden gate. This arrangement is working well. Please remember to arrive for drop off and pick up at the specific time for your child's class.

### Family Photo session

During the pandemic we know that a lot of 'normal' family life has been postponed. Even things like getting professional family photos taken. So we have collaborated with 'Cool For School Photography' and are pleased to offer the opportunity to come as a family to our Family Photo session.



Cool For School photography are coming to nursery on the evening of Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> March to carry out a photo session with our families. These are pre bookable (pre paid) 5 minute sessions. Please reply to the Flyer e-mail (Sent today) with your preferred time if you would like to attend. (These photos are guaranteed to be back in time for Mother's Day)

### Parent Teacher Consultations

#### Dates for your Diary

We will be holding our parent teacher consultations on

**Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> April Mrs Morrow's Class**

and

**Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> April for Mrs Jones' Class**

Times will be sent home on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> March. These are 10 minute time slots where your child's teacher will discuss their progress and show you photographs and observations of your child. Times will be available from 9am - 3.30pm.



### Superhero Day

To raise awareness for Air Ambulance NI the children can dress up as super hero's on Friday. Please do not go out especially and buy your child an outfit. A home made mask or cape would be great. Don't forget there are lots of super hero's you might not have thought about, like Doctors/Nurses, Anna (who can turn things to ice) and Rapunzel (who could heal people with her hair) or Harry Potter (who could do magic).



Dates for your diary  
February - June

February	
Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> Feb	Yoga with Helena (3)
Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> February	Physical Skills with Paul-Sonal Sportz NI
Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Yoga with Helena (4)
Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> February	<b>Super Hero day - Dress up as your favourite character, £1 donation in school for Air Ambulance NI</b> <b>Last day of half term, school will close at 11.30am</b>
Mon 14 - Fri 18 <sup>th</sup>	School Closed
Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> Feb	School Re-opens at normal time
Wed 23 <sup>rd</sup> Feb	Yoga with Helena (5)
Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Physical Skills with Paul-Sonal Sportz NI
Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> Feb	School re-opens 9am
March	
Wed 2 <sup>nd</sup> March	Yoga with Helena (6)
Wed 2 <sup>nd</sup> March	Family Photo Session (pre-bookable, see flyer on e-mail)
Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> March	Physical Skills with Paul-Sonal Sportz NI
Wed 9 <sup>th</sup> March	Yoga with Helena (7)
Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> March	Physical Skills with Paul-Sonal Sportz NI
Wed 16 <sup>th</sup> March	Yoga with Helena (8) Last Session until after Easter
Thurs 17 <sup>th</sup> March	St Patrick's Day - School Closes at 11.30am (No Dinners)
April	
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> April	Mr Hullabaloo Interactive Theatre Company Spring Show
Wed 6 <sup>th</sup> April	Parent teacher consultations (Mrs Morrow's class)
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> April	Parent teacher consultations (Mrs Jones' class)
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> April	Easter Egg Hunt 11am (Parents welcome) Last day before Easter school closes at 11.30am (no dinners)
Wed 13 <sup>th</sup> April	School Development Day (School Closed to children)
Wed 13 <sup>th</sup> -Wed 26 <sup>th</sup>	Easter Holidays
Wed 27 <sup>th</sup> April	School Re opens (Normal Time)
May	
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> May	May Day Bank Holiday
Wed 4 <sup>th</sup> May	Next 8 week session block of Yoga with Helena
Wed 11 <sup>th</sup> May	Yoga with Helena (2)
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> May	School Closed for current Children (New children, Sept 2022 introduction day)
Wed 18 <sup>th</sup> May	Yoga With Helena (3)
Wed 25 <sup>th</sup> May	Yoga With Helena (4)
Tuesday 31 <sup>st</sup> May	Last Day 11.30am Finish (Platinum Jubilee Party)
Wed 1 <sup>st</sup> -Tues 7 <sup>th</sup> June	School Closed
Wed 8 <sup>th</sup> June	School re-opens
Wed 8 <sup>th</sup> June	Yoga with Helena (5)

All the staff at Castlereagh Nursery School thank you for  
your continued support.

Songs and Rhymes for February



### Family Love

I love you, You love me!  
We're a happy family!  
With a great big hug and a kiss from me to you!  
Won't you say you love me too!



### Build a House!

Build a house with five bricks  
One, two, three, four, five  
Put a roof on top  
And a chimney too  
Where the wind blows through...  
WHOO WHOO

### When Goldilocks went to the house of the bears!

When Goldilocks went to the house of the Bears,  
Oh what did her Blue Eyes see?  
A bowl that was huge,  
A bowl that was small,  
And a bowl that was tiny and that was all,  
She counted them One, Two, Three.....



Repeat for Chair, Bed and Bear

### Five Little Speckled Frogs

Five little speckled frogs  
Sat on a speckled log  
Eating some most delicious grubs -  
yum, yum  
One jumped into the pool  
Where it was nice and cool  
Now there are four green speckled  
frogs - glub, glub  
.....**Four, Three, Two, One**



### See The Bunnies Sleeping

See the bunnies sleeping till it's nearly noon  
Shall we wake them with a merry tune?  
They're so still, are they ill?  
Wake up little bunnies!  
Hop little bunnies, hop, hop, hop  
Hop, hop, hop - Hop, hop, hop  
Hop little bunnies, hop, hop, hop  
Hop, hop, hop...

Repeat with  
Skip little bunnies....,  
Jump little bunnies....

January

Tues 4th Jan School Staff Development Day (school closed to children)

Wednesday 5th Jan School re-opens for children – Normal Time

Wednesday 5th Jan

Thursday 6th Jan

Friday 7th Jan

Open afternoon tour 2.30-3.30pm

(15 minute pre-booked sessions)

Thurs 6th Jan Lynn the Dental nurse visits to talk to the children about looking after their teeth.

Friday 7th Jan Paul from Sonal Sports (Physical Skills)

Monday 10th

Jan Pre-school and Primary school admissions open online @ 12 pm

Friday 14th Jan Paul from Sonal Sports (Physical Skills)

Wednesday 19th

Jan Yoga with Helena (8 week course) (1)

Friday 21st Jan Paul from Sonal Sports (Physical Skills)

Wednesday 26th Jan Yoga with Helena (2)

Friday 28th Jan Paul from Sonal Sports (Physical Skills)

February

Wednesday 2nd Feb Yoga with Helena (3)

Wednesday 9th Feb Yoga with Helena (4)

Friday 11th Feb Last day before Half Term 11.30 finish

Monday 14th Feb Staff Training day – School closed to children

Monday 21st Feb School reopens – Normal times

Wednesday 23rd Feb Yoga with Helena (5)

Wednesday 2nd March Yoga with Helena (6)

Wednesday 9th March Yoga with Helena (7)

Wednesday 16th

March

Yoga with Helena (8)

Thursday 17th March St Patricks Day (11.30 finish NO DINNERS)