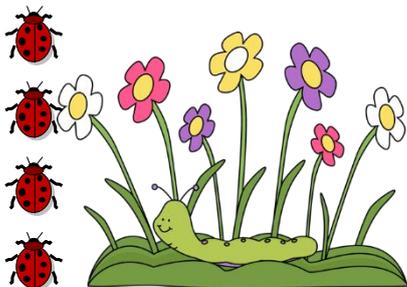




# Welcome Spring



Castlereagh Nursery School  
'Hand in Hand We Learn Together'



## March 2021 Newsletter

### WELCOME BACK EVERYONE

We are absolutely delighted to welcome all our children and families back to Face-to-face teaching. We send our most sincere thank you to all the parents and carers who have participated so willingly in our remote learning through the website and Facebook group. We can't wait to get stuck back in to all our hands on learning that we love so much in Castlereagh Nursery School.

Even though we are only back for 2 weeks, we are cramming lots of fun, exciting activities in for the children. We will be focusing on outdoor play and Health and Wellbeing. If you feel your child will struggle coming back to nursery, please send an email to the school and we will discuss this as a staff team and set out steps to help and support your child.

**Please note drop off and pick up times for the remainder of the school year.**

#### **Drop off**

**Mrs Morrow's Class - 8.50am - 9.05am**

**Miss Presho's Class - 9.10am - 9.25am**

#### **Pick up**

**Mrs Morrow's Class - 1.00pm - 1.15pm**

**Miss Presho's Class - 1.20pm - 1.35pm**

**If you anticipate being late or need to pick your child up early, please telephone the office on 02890 704539 and let a member of staff know.**

**Please continue to adhere to the social distancing paw prints and the one-way system inside the nursery grounds. A face covering should also be worn when dropping off and picking up.**





## What are we learning in March?

The children will be learning all about the first signs of Spring and beginning our topic of Growing. Children will be looking for the first signs of Spring in our nursery garden and planting seeds in our growing area. We will also be looking at mini beasts, identifying them and where they live.

**Growing** - To help us illustrate the topic of growing we would like you to send in a photograph of your child as a baby (under 1 year old please). We will be discussing these with the children and displaying them around the nursery.

## Parent Teacher Consultations

We usually carry out Parent teacher consultations just before Easter, however due to the amount of time the children have been at home we will move these to the MIDDLE of May. This will give the children time to settle back in after Easter and also give Miss Presho time to get to know the children in her class. Transition reports which will be sent to the Primary School will be written at the end of May.

## Welly Walk Money

Just a quick update to let you know that our 2 Reading Wig-Wams that we have purchased with the money that you raised from the welly walk will be delivered on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> March. They will be ready and waiting for the children when they return after the Easter break.

## Remote Learning from Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> March - Friday 26<sup>th</sup> March

Remote learning from home will resume on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> March for 1 week only. We will send resource bags home with the children on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> March. These will be practical resources and will be fun for your child to complete.

## Easter Egg Hunt

This year unfortunately we will be unable to have parent participation. However, the children will still have a visit from our resident Easter Bunny and have fun in the garden during the Easter Egg hunt. Children can be picked up at normal time



Mrs Morrow's class 1.00-1.15pm  
Miss Presho's Class 1.15 - 1.30pm



### ECO Schools

The children will be learning all about recycling and looking after the environment. Making sure we keep our school litter free and also ensuring we always throw our litter in the bin. We use specific bins in the nursery especially for food waste, plastic waste and paper waste.

## PLEASE NOTE

All the dates around the Easter break are subject to change IF the Executive decide we are able to keep the children in school for that final week before Easter. We will keep you updated as soon as we know details. Thank you for your patience.

**Dates for your diary**  
**March - June**

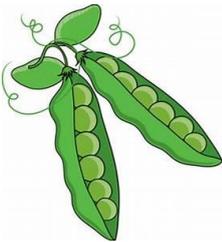
Date	Events
<b><u>March</u></b>	
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> March	All Children return to Face-to-Face teaching
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> March	Jo Jingles - Farm
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> March	Mr Hullabaloo Interactive Theatre Company Spring Show
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> March	School Closes at 12pm as the school meals kitchen is not operational on this day.
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> March	Last day before Easter
Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> - Friday 26 <sup>th</sup>	Home learning will resume with the home learning resource bags.
Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> March - Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> April	Easter Holidays - No Key Worker provision available
<b><u>April</u></b>	
Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> April	Children Back to full time Face to face Teaching Staggered start and finish times apply.
Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> April	Jo Jingles
<b><u>May</u></b>	
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> May	May Day Bank Holiday
Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup> May	Jo Jingles
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> May	School Closed (Staff Development)
Monday 31 <sup>st</sup> May - Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> May	School Closed - Half Term
Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> May	School Re-opens
<b><u>June</u></b>	
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> June	School Closed to current children This is an introduction day for all the new children starting in September 2021
Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> June	Teddybear's Picnic (Bring in a teddy)
Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> June	Mr Hulabaloo Interactive Theatre Co.
Wednesday 30 <sup>th</sup> June	End of year concert starts at 11am All parents welcome. School will close at 11.30am

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

## Songs and Rhymes for March

### Five Little Peas

Five little peas  
In a peapod pressed;  
One grew, two grew,  
And so did all the rest.  
They grew and grew  
And did not stop,  
Until one day  
The peapod popped!



### There's a Worm at the Bottom of the garden

There's a worm at the  
Bottom of my garden,  
And his name is Wiggly Woo.  
There's a worm at the  
Bottom of my garden  
And all that he can do  
Is wiggle all day  
And wiggle all night  
The neighbours say  
What a terrible fright!  
There's a worm at the  
Bottom of my garden,  
And his name is Wiggly Woo

### 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**



### Little Peter Rabbit

Little Peter Rabbit had a fly upon his nose,  
Little Peter Rabbit had a fly upon his nose.  
Little Peter Rabbit had a fly upon his nose,  
So he flipped it and he flopped it  
And the fly flew away.

Powder puffs and curly whiskers,  
Powder puffs and curly whiskers,  
Powder puffs and curly whiskers,  
So he flipped it and he flopped it  
And the fly flew away.



### 5 Little Ducks Went Swimming One Day

Five little ducks went swimming one day,  
Over the pond and far away.  
Mother duck said, "Quack, quack, quack,  
quack,"  
But only four little ducks came back

.....4,3,2,1.....

