

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week, we have been exploring the classic tale of *Goldilocks and the Three Bears*. Our porridge-making activity was a resounding success! I was pleasantly surprised by how much the children enjoyed eating it - some even had three bowls! This experience provided a lovely opportunity for the children to share their own breakfast preferences and listen to each other's choices.

Later this week, we'll be creating a bear-themed corridor display by painting bears and using a variety of fabrics to collage bears on templates. The children are excited to let their creativity fill the corridor, especially now that they are walking around the school and are able to see other displays.

In the garden, we've introduced a Giant Polydron set, which the children have loved working with. In fact, unpacking the pieces seemed to be as enjoyable as building with them, evoking memories of Christmas and presents! The set includes design plans for building houses and other structures, which inspired the children to create enclosures. They've been busy constructing houses for the *Three Little Pigs* and *Goldilocks* using the Polydron and wooden bricks. The trickiest part so far has been attaching the triangular shapes to form roofs - (a challenge they're tackling with adult support currently, watch this space.)

Next week, we'll begin learning about the celebration of Chinese New Year. There will be a variety of creative activities, along with stories and rhymes to immerse the children in the festivities. As part of this exploration, we'd like to cook and share some noodles. If your child isn't fond of noodles or has any dietary restrictions that may prevent them from enjoying this activity, please don't hesitate to speak to me so we can arrange an alternative.

Please can you make an appointment for Parent's evening on the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> of February. I am looking forward to sharing your child's achievements with you. Please speak with me at drop off or collection if you are unable to make these dates, I can then arrange an alternative date and time for you.

Wishing you a lovely weekend!

Mrs McShane



#### P.E. Tuesday and Thursday.

The morning children will participate in P.E. on a Tuesday. The afternoon children will participate in P.E. on a Thursday. The All-Day children will join in both Tuesday and Thursday's P.E. session.

On their P.E. day, children should come to school in comfortable clothes that allow for movement, such as jogging bottoms and a loose T-shirt or sweatshirt. There is no need to buy a specific P.E. kit, as we don't change outfits during the day.

If children can't wear trainers due to the weather, we will change their footwear as needed. While all children will still participate in P.E., activities may be limited for safety reasons if appropriate clothing isn't worn.

Thank you for your support!

#### Session Times

The Nursery gates will open at **8:20 AM**, and sessions will start promptly at **8:30 AM**. The gates will close at **8:30 AM**

Morning Session will finish at **11:30 AM**.

Afternoon session will begin at **12.15 PM**

Afternoon and All-Day children will be dismissed at **3:15 PM**.

#### Names

Please can you help us by putting your child's name into all their belongings. It can be quite distressing for the children if we are unable to find their coat and bag.

#### Wet Clothes

Unfortunately, in Nursery the children often get wet or dirty.

This is all part of their learning experience and nothing to worry about. Thank you for providing spare sets of clothing for us to change your child into. All children need at least one change of clothes in Nursery. It would also help us greatly if you could include a plastic bag for us to put their wet or dirty clothes into.

#### Nappies

If your child is in nappies, please can you provide at least **two** spare nappies daily, along with baby wipes and nappy sacks.

**Any matters relating to the educational and personal welfare of your child, including medical and dietary needs must be raised with Mrs McShane. Please do not discuss these matters with other members of Nursery staff.**

Thank you

Mrs Ruth McShane