

Dear Parents and Carers,

Last week, we had an exciting experience with Storm Eowyn! The windy weather brought so much energy and happiness to the children. They had a brilliant time trying to catch leaves and chasing the balls as they blew across the field. This gave us the perfect opportunity to bring out ribbons and streamers, allowing the children to explore cause and effect in a fun and dynamic way. They observed how the streamers moved in the wind and enjoyed expressing themselves through waving, running, and dancing with their streamers. It was a wonderful combination of movement, play, and learning! You can create your own streamers at home by tying ribbons or scarves securely to sticks. If you have any old pieces of fabric/clothing, you could also cut them into thin strips to make ribbons.

This week, we've been exploring the celebration of Chinese New Year. The children have enjoyed a range of creative activities, stories, and rhymes to immerse themselves in the festivities. Later this week, as part of our celebration, we'll be cooking some noodles - a hands-on experience for everyone! If you'd like to learn more about this wonderful festival with your child, I recommend a lovely video called *My First Festivals: Chinese New Year*, which you can find on YouTube.

In addition to this, we've been focusing on recognising the number four, while continuing to practise numbers we have learned previously. In class, we shared the book *Pete the Cat: My Four Groovy Buttons*, a lively and repetitive story that's both fun and engaging. If you'd like to revisit this with your child, you can also find the story on YouTube. Please remember to 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