

**Welcome to Kylemore Nursery School**

The children have all started now and are enjoying exploring the school. Although there are some reluctant wee ones, we hope that each child will eventually settle and settling comfortably into nursery will be our priority for the month of September. We encourage you to take time and stay until your child feels confident enough to be left alone.

This is the first of our newsletters giving you details of what is happening in school. I hope that you will find these informative and interesting. The Parents' Board and Library also have books and leaflets which we hope you will find helpful. It has been good to meet so many of you and we hope that you and your child will have a very enjoyable year with us and that you will feel that you can make an appointment to come and talk to us if you have any worries or concerns.



Marian McCouaig, Principal

**STAFF**

Blue class	Marian	Grace		Agnes
Green class	Heather	Nicole	Grace	Agnes
Red class	Louise	Nicole		Agnes
Yellow class	Alison	Kerry	Grace	Agnes

All staff work on a rota basis and it means that there will be a variety of people involved with all children during the class time each day.

From Monday 17<sup>th</sup> September we will introduce small group time which will take place first thing each day. **Please Be On Time!!** Your child will be with the same staff member in the same location each day on arrival into nursery.

**LEARNING**

In September all staff will observe your child closely during this first month at nursery school. We would ask you to ensure you help by promoting your child's confidence and independence at all times - this is important at home and in school -

*Why not start with your child hanging up their own coat each day when you arrive.*

**SNACK**

The snack routine will start soon. There are a number of children in school with dangerous food allergies so we are asking you to accept school policy and

**Please do not send your child to nursery school with sweets, chocolate, any food containing nut traces or fizzy drinks.**

Birthdays are celebrated with a special fruit snack.

**GARDENING** Our plants have grown so well this year - probably thanks to a good summer! We will harvest and cook our rhubarb, onions, carrots, potatoes and garlic over the next few weeks. We will also tidy up the garden and help the children become aware of using water wisely. Our apples and plums will be used to make fruit juice soon.



### **ECO NEWS**

You will have seen the Green flag outside our school. We are very proud to have achieved the flag and this year Louise leads our ECOschools Committee. We need 2 representatives from the morning class and 2 from the afternoon class for our ECOschools committee - feel free to volunteer - only one meeting each half term when your child is in school.

Our first meeting will be **with Louise on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> September from 11.00 - 11.15**

**with Heather on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> September from 14.30- 14.45.**

Please speak to Louise or Heather if you are happy to help!

### **STARTING AND FINISHING TIMES**

All children must be in school at the start of each session.

Please remember that all children must be collected promptly at the end of each session -. This is important for the following reasons:

- To ensure that your child benefits from being in nursery **We will not release children from the story room under any circumstances.**
- To ensure that your child does not get upset if left behind after their friends have been collected.
- To ensure that the staff have time to plan and prepare the activities / materials for the next session.

May we also ask those parents and carers who come by car to park with care and consideration for the safety of the children and the local residents.

### **CHILD PROTECTION AND SAFETY**

Have you returned all the completed forms? Are your contact details up to date?

We would ask you to enter the school grounds through the small pedestrian gate and ***not through the entrance for vehicles.*** Please close each door and the gate securely as you go in or out.

This is to ensure your child's safety. The settling in period may be an anxious time for some children who might take the opportunity of an open door or gate - and a crowded area to leave the school grounds unaccompanied.

## OUTDOOR CLOTHES

Outdoor play is an extremely important part of the nursery curriculum and we do go outside every single day. For cold/wet days please make sure your child has Wellies, Waterproof trousers and a Waterproof coat.

Remove tyings etc that may get caught on climbing equipment, slides or cycles etc.

Remember - if your child is not well enough to play outside s/he is not well enough to be in school.



**If you send in a bag with your child make sure it's a small one....Please make sure your child's name is clearly marked on all shoes, wellies and clothing especially coats and sweatshirts.**

To encourage independence and prevent accidents at the toilet, your child should wear trousers etc. with elasticated waists that s/he can undo without help.

**Do not send your child to nursery school wearing any type of belt.**

## BOOK LENDING LIBRARY

Our Book lending library opens from Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> September. You are welcome to use the Book Library each day - the details are on display in the entrance hall. Please remember to return a book before you borrow another.

## PARENTS ASSOCIATION

We are very fortunate to have a member of staff whose role is specifically linked to family working. Agnes our Transition support worker will be a valuable link for all parents. Agnes works in Kylemore and also in Killowen and St John's primary schools to support the children who have just moved on to Primary One.

Family Fridays will happen in nursery school each month starting in October...a time for you and your child to work together!

## SCHOOL FUND

You may have seen that all school budgets have been cut. This means that your money is vital to help us provide all the bus costs, entertainers, events and wee extras for **your child**.

Please use Parentmail or post in the School Fund collection box.

Our secretary will access the envelopes and keep a record of all payments. Receipts will be provided to all parents. We always have spare envelopes available at the collection box and in the entrance hall.

This year's fees are:

**£3.00 per week.**

**£37.00 per term** - must be paid by 28<sup>th</sup> September.

**£111.00 for the whole year** - must be paid by 28<sup>th</sup> September

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Sun	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat
	 <b>CHECK OUT OUR Kylemore nursery FACEBOOK PAGE</b>	 <b>OR follow us on twitter</b> @kylemorenursery Website <a href="http://www.kylemorenursery.com">www.kylemorenursery.com</a>				
	<b>3</b> Timetable on display in school	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> Coffee and Chat	
	<b>10</b> Timetable on display in school	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> Coffee and Chat	
	<b>17</b> Timetable on display in school	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> Book Lending Library opens today in school	<b>21</b> Coffee and Chat	
	<b>24</b> Mandarin Lessons begin today for all children	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> <b>MUSIC with LOUISE</b> During class	<b>28</b>	
<b>Notes:</b> Parents are always welcome to contact the school 028 7034 4893 for an appointment to chat about your child at a time when the staff are not busy with the children						