

## Nursery Newsletter - Autumn Term 2026

Welcome, from all of us, to a new school year. We would especially like to welcome new parents and children joining us at Fairfields for the first time.

For the first half of this term our topic will be 'Marvelous Me and My Community'. We will also look at seasonal changes for 'Autumn'. During the second half of the term our topic will be 'Celebrations around the World' (including Bonfire Night, Diwali and Christmas) and 'Winter'. All areas of the Early Years curriculum will be taught through these topics.

**Language & Communication:** We will learn and sing a new nursery rhyme each week. The children will also listen to stories daily and begin their introduction to phase 1 phonics which will help to develop their speaking and listening skills. The children will also undertake tasks to support the development of their pencil control skills through group and child-initiated activities.

**Maths:** We will focus on key skills such as numbers and counting, sorting, sequencing, shape, space, measure and time.

The children will also be given many opportunities to express themselves creatively through various art and craft, music, and physical activities.

We will soon begin operating a small library system in the Nursery. Every Monday the library trolley will be wheeled outside of the Nursery. The children will be able to take home one book from the trolley. Once you have read the book with your child at home, they can bring it back on Friday and choose another. We will be including a range of bilingual books for the children who speak another language at home. We would encourage you to read both your home language and the English text to support your child's understanding of the English language. Letters will be handed directly to parents at the end of each session along with their child's paintings and other work to be taken home.

### **Lastly a few reminders:**

- It is very important that **ALL** clothing and shoes, packed lunch bags and bottles **are clearly labelled** with your child's name. Thank you for your co-operation with this.

### **Wren Class - drop off and collection**

- Morning session: 8.45am-11.45am – children to be dropped off at the Art Block.
- Lunch club in the dining room: 11.45am-12.15pm.
- Afternoon session: 12.15-3.15pm - collection from the main Nursery entrance.

### **Sparrow Class - drop off and collection**

- Morning Session: 8.45am-11.45am – children dropped off and picked up from the main Nursery entrance.

Safeguarding our children is of great importance at Fairfield's Nursery. Therefore, we have a strict drop off and collection procedure for our nursery children:

**Drop off:** Parents of Sparrow Class are kindly asked to line up behind the Nursery gate. Parents of Wren Class are kindly asked to line up along the ramp outside the Art Block in the morning. Please do not let your children run around. At 8.45am a member of staff will open the Nursery gate /door and invite the children to come into the Nursery one by one.

**Collection:** A member of staff will open the gate /door and parents are invited to the Nursery door to collect their child. It is extremely important that you do not call your child to you, but wait for a member of staff to call your child's name, at which point they will be released to you.

If you would like to speak to a member of staff, please wait until all the children have been dropped off /collected. Please make every attempt to be punctual when dropping off and collecting your child to avoid unnecessary upset for your child. If for any reason you or your designated person are unable to collect your child, please inform the office as soon as possible of the person who will be there to collect them instead. Without this information we will not allow your child to leave the Nursery which can result in delay, frustration and distress for the adult and child. Please note it is school policy not to allow children under the age of 16 to collect children from the Nursery.

Please do not hesitate to speak to a member of staff if you have any queries, questions or worries concerning your child's time in Nursery; we are happy to help if we can.

Finally, all the staff in the Nursery would like to wish everyone a happy and successful autumn term.

Thank you for your co-operation,

**Mrs Halili, Mr McCarthy, Miss Gogarty**

**Mrs Connell, Mrs Hammond, Mrs O'Sullivan, Mrs Hutchins, Miss Cirket**