

# News from the Early Years Team

Dear Parents / Carers,

Hello, we have been busy getting everything ready for the start of the second half of the Autumn term. We will also be starting to practise our Christmas production with all the children in Early Years. Children will bring home lines to learn and a song sheet.



This half term our topic is "Autumn". Take your child for a nature walk in your local area, either at the weekends or in the half term holidays, and talk to them about the change in the season. Days getting shorter and nights getting longer. How it's getting colder, the days are getting shorter and change in clothing.



## Literacy

We have started our phonics and handwriting lessons through the phonics scheme 'Letters and Sounds'. The children have tried very hard to say the pure sounds without adding the "UH" at the end of the sound. We have also done some blending for reading and learning to recognise the initial, middle and final sounds in CVC words. The children have been learning how to form these letters and we are so impressed that everyone gave each letter a superb effort. A 'Letters and Sounds' pack will be sent home with your children to practise with them at home. Please help your child to form the correct letter formation in lower case. It very important that children start to write the letters from the correct starting point.

In Lower Early Years children have got familiar with environmental sounds and now moving onto instrumental sounds.



## Maths

In Maths, we have been looking at counting to 10 and beyond and recognising numerals. The children have sung songs about numbers and worked on counting independently, matching quantity to number. They have also been learning number bonds. How to make a number in different ways.

E.g.:  5 which can also be  and 

We will also be looking at 1 more 1 less, estimating and checking amounts, 2d shapes and shapes in the environment.

In Lower Early Years children have been looking at numbers and trying to understand the value of that number. Singing number rhymes and songs. They will be learning and using positional language. They have enjoyed using the remote control cars.

## Uniform

As the weather is getting colder, children can bring in gloves, scarfs and hats. Please label all of them clearly as it is easier to find them if they are misplaced. In Early Years children are allowed to wear trainers to school. No shoes with laces please.

## Letters

Please send all letters into school via your child's book bag as it is difficult for the adults to collect them at the door in the mornings.

## Can you help us?

- Collecting and sending in crafty bits or box modelling for use by the children in their play e.g. boxes, bottles etc.
- Donations of small plastic planting pots.
- Also please come and speak to one of us if you have any expertise or links to the topics we are doing throughout the year and would like to share these with the children.



## Diary Dates:

- **Fri 13th Dec PTA Christmas Fair at 3:30 p.m.**

Due to arrangements for the Early Years Christmas Production and class party the morning and afternoon Nursery groups will be combined on the following dates:

- **Mon 16th Dec Early Years combined.**  
All Nursery children AM and PM to attend the **morning** session on this day from 8.30am until 11.30am (dress rehearsal).  
EYs party at 10:30 a.m.
- **Tue 17th Dec EYs combined.**  
All Nursery children AM and PM to attend the **afternoon** session on this day from 12.30pm until 3.30pm.  
EYs Production at 2:30 pm in the school hall. All Parents, carers and family members are welcome to come and enjoy the show.
- **Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December Early Years combined**  
All Nursery children AM and PM to attend the **morning** session on this day from 8.30am until 11.30am.  
End of Term Mass (Church) at 9.30am. We would appreciate as many parent helpers as possible on this day as Upper Early Years children will attend the end of term Mass at church.  
**Upper Early Years will finish at 1:30pm with the rest of the school.**

On behalf of the Early Years Team

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