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**IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER** **–**

**DAY NURSERY**

**CLOSED – MONDAY 31ST OCT & TUES 1ST NOV**

**PRE-SCHOOL**

**CLOSED MONDAY 31st OCT – WEDNESDAY 2nd INCLUSIVE**

**ROOM UPDATES**

**Baby Room**

Throughout September we have been welcoming new children into the room who are settling well and adapting to their new routines and environment. Some of our babies have moved on to the toddler room and we look forward to watching them continue to grow and develop.

****Our monthly plans, which are displayed outside the room show our themes each month which from September to November will include – 'All about me, Autumn/Halloween & Transport'. The themes are carried through all activities including our story & song time, floor play activities and crafts, this will see our room decorated with family portraits, cars, buses, sponge paintings, pumpkins, ghosts and much more. **Laura Burns – Supervisor**

**Toddler Room**

****September has brought as always changes with children moving up from the baby room, new children and some of our toddlers moving into the junior playgroup. We hope the children settle well in their new surroundings and enjoy their time with us. Our theme for September will focus on 'All about me' and we will be decorating the room with family photos, self-portraits as well as hand & foot prints, junk art and free colouring. In October our theme will focus on 'autumn and Halloween,' our shape will be a 'crescent' and colours will be 'orange and black'. We will be decorating the room with bats, ghosts, witches, pumpkins and other Halloween crafts, we also hope to explore our garden for leaves, acorns and conkers for our autumn display. Throughout November we will look at different types of 'Transport' e.g. cars, planes, boats etc., our theme will also be evident through the children's activities e.g. ride along cars, linking vehicles and small world play, our colour will be 'blue' and our shape 'triangle'. **Megan Hale – Supervisor**

**Junior Playgroup**

During September we welcome some new children and parents to our group and we hope they will settle well and enjoy their time with us. Our theme for the month of September is 'All about me & my family’. Our theme will be carried on throughout the room in everything we do. Could I ask parents to bring in a family photograph for our family tree display. Throughout October & November we will be focusing on 'autumn and Halloween' and our colour will be 'orange'. We will be taking the children on nature walks to collect leaves, acorns and other items to help with our autumn crafts which will be displayed in the room and on our window displays. We also hope the children enjoy our Halloween crafts such as spiders, bats and pumpkins for our mobile display and some cookery activities. In November we will continue to focus on 'autumn' and the changes in the weather, trees etc. Your child’s artwork can be collected at the end of each month in their folder just outside the room. **Nuala Heaney – Supervisor**

**Senior Playgroup**

We have enjoyed a very busy summer with trips out to the Cinema, Stormont Park,

the Zoo and much more. We saw a lot of our children move on to Pre School settings and

hope they settle well and enjoy their year ahead. The senior playgroup is seen as a stepping stone to the Pre School setting, we introduce the children to the different areas of learning within the curriculum with activities based around our monthly themes. During the month of September the children will be settling into the routines of our room and our theme will be 'All about Me' and 'My Family'. October's theme will focus on 'Halloween and autumn' and in November will be looking at 'transport and road safety'. Every month the children will be encouraged to join in art and craft activities that will be displayed around our room. We hope to continue making use of our back garden and outside play area. During the first few months this room will be quite a challenge for some children as they become independent and are introduced to many new things, which we hope they will enjoy. The children will always be encouraged to make their own choices, contribute to break duties, cleaning teeth and following simple rules. **Tracey Massey – Supervisor**

**Pre School**

We would like to welcome all our new children into pre-school and we hope they settle well and enjoy the wide variety of activities on offer. We would also like to introduce you to the staff in our pre-school, Muriel – supervisor level 3, Natasha – deputy level 3 and Kirsty – volunteer level 3. Over the first month or so the children will be settling into the new routine of pre-school. This will involve getting to know the staff and other children, learning how to play together and learning how to follow the routines and structure of the group. For further information regarding our monthly themes and programme please feel free to look at our weekly plans displayed outside our room. **Muriel Dalzell - Supervisor**

**Out of Schools**

Our Out of Schools aims to create a safe, stimulating and happy environment for children.

We are very busy on a daily basis helping with homework’s and art and craft activities. We would like to remind parents if your child is unwell or not attending Out of Schools that you would contact the office before 1pm.

**\*PLEASE REMEMBER THAT FOR ANY REASON YOUR CHILD DOES NOT ATTEND NURSERY, FEES ARE STILL PAYABLE. THE ONLY TIME FEES ARE NOT PAYABLE IS WHEN THE CENTRE IS CLOSED\***

*WE WOULD ASK ALL PARENTS TO ADHERE TO SESSION TIMES REGARDING DROP OFF & COLLECTION OF CHILDREN UNLESS OTHERWISE ARRANGED WITH ROOM SUPERVISOR. DROPPING CHILDREN OFF BEFORE SESSION TIMES OR LATE COLLECTION OF CHILDREN CAN EFFECT ROOM RATIO'S AND CAUSE PROBLEMS****.***

**LUNCHES**

Lunches are provided in Centre at a price of £2 per day for

children who attend a full day. Lunch money should be paid at the beginning

of each week. If you are going on holiday and wish to suspend lunches until you

return please let us know in advance otherwise you will still be charged.

Our meals are provided by Moon & Spoon a catering company dedicated to providing wholesome, nutritious food specially designed for children. For further details please ask at reception

**\*In future we will be including an extract from our policies in every newsletter, a full copy of all policies and procedures are available on request from reception.\***

**COLLECTION POLICY**

We have a strict policy relating to the collection of children from the nursery. This policy is in place to protect your children.

* All persons whom are to collect your child from the nursery MUST have their details entered onto your child’s registration form.
* All persons whom are to collect your child MUST be over the age of 18 years (unless parent).
* No child will be allowed to leave the centre without an appropriate adult.
* Each child must be signed in on arrival by a parent/guardian and again upon collection.
* Each child will also have the time of their arrival and departure entered into a daily register which is signed off by a member of management at the end of each session.

**PLEASE ENSURE YOU COLLECT YOUR CHILD ON TIME**

**SUMMER 2016**

Over the summer we had various activities for children Primary 1-7 including

trips to the adventure playground, Jumping Clay, Aunt Sandra’s sweetshop,

Stormont outdoor park, V36 and much more.

We were funded throughout the summer by Belfast City Council.

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**Firework safety – the basics**

Watching fireworks is great fun. But burns from fireworks can be

devastating – and happen very easily if you don’t take the correct safety

precautions. Over 500 children under 16 are rushed to A&E in the four

weeks surrounding Halloween.

Never return to a lit firework.

Never throw fireworks.

Always follow the instructions when using fireworks.

Did you know: A rocket can reach speeds of 150mph.

**Sparkler safety**

* A sparkler can reach a temperature of up to 2,000 degrees Celsius – 20 times the boiling point of water. And three sparklers burning together generate the same heat as a blowtorch!
* Always hold sparklers at arm’s length and wear gloves when handling them.
* Don’t hold babies and young children while you’re holding a sparkler – they can reach out unexpectedly and grab at them.
* Don’t give sparklers to children under 5. They’re too young to hold them safely and don’t understand why they might be dangerous.
* Once sparklers are out, make sure you put them in a bucket of water.



**Message of the month —**

**September - ‘Sharing books and reading will help my brain to grow.’**

‘Let’s look at books together every day.’

‘Don’t worry about reading the words - we can just talk about the pictures.’

**Message of the month –**

**October** - ‘**My brain needs different sorts of PLAY to help it grow.’**

* I need to use all my senses when I play. I need to move, feel, hear and see.
* These experiences will help the different parts of my brain to work together.

**Message of the month –**

**November - ‘Screen Time—Use it wisely’**

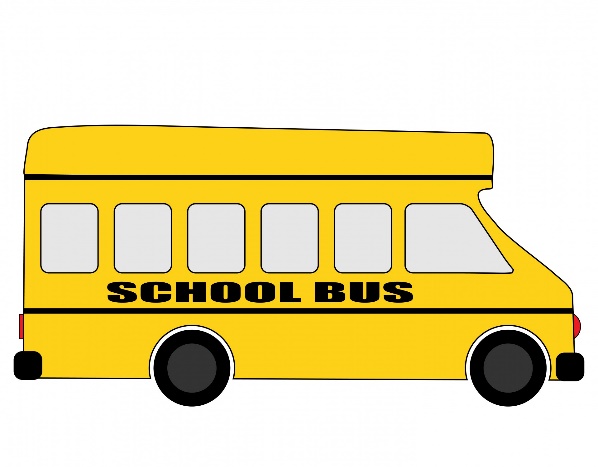
The best way for your child to use screens -

* Share the game/ programme with an adult
* Play/ watch for a very short time each day
* Watch programmes/ play games that are recommended for your child’s age

‘Children’s brains grow when they talk with real people and play with real things.’

If you require any other information or support please contact us on:

Tel: 028 9071 2266 or Email: [GlenbrookSurestart@belfasttrust.hscni.net](mailto:GlenbrookSurestart@belfasttrust.hscni.net)



**BUS - We offer a pick up and return bus service**

**for all children. For further details please ask**

**at reception.**

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