

St. Clare's Abbey Nursery Unit

October 2019 Newsletter

Welcome to our October Newsletter!

By now the children have become used to coming into the Nursery and are getting to know the routines.

Our focus this month is;



- Autumn
- Orange
- Staying safe

The children will become aware of the changes in Nature around them e.g. collecting leaves and examining the colours.

They will sample Autumn fruits and harvest Autumn vegetables.

The children will be involved with Halloween tradition and stories.

Things you can do at home to help your children.

- Continue to allow your child to grow in confidence. You can do this by encouraging your child to put on his own coat at home time – including trying the buttons or zip



- Encourage him or her to hang up their own coat and continue to promote independent toileting

- Name and talk about the fruits and vegetables you are eating at home. See if your child remembers the names. Talk about how they taste, their shape, their colour and find out what are your child's favourites



- Look out for circles as you are out and about with your child – signs, wheels, tyres, tins etc.



- Enjoy nursery rhymes together
- If you have not already done so, please make sure that your child's name is on all belongings. We are sure that you understand that it is impossible to ascertain who owns items that are not labelled with a name.
- If your child is still using a dummy or soother, you should now really make a concerted effort to end this. These can have lasting negative effects on your child's teeth and speech production.

Items from home

We would appreciate if you could bring in non-returnable Orange items this month. It would be preferable if these were natural items. They will enhance play and learning this month.

Planned meetings



I hope to meet with all the parents individually this month to update them on how their children are settling in the Nursery. The meetings will be held from Wednesday 23rd October to Friday 25th October.

I will be putting a list of available times on the foyer door. You are encouraged to choose a suitable time for your appointment by putting your name in the available slots. During this meeting I will also discuss how your child performed on the WellComm communication screening programme.

Please let Mrs. Bennett know if an interpreter is required as we need to allocate a continuous period of time for this.

Invitation to a Bedtime Story

We are very excited about the launch of our Big Bedtime Read this year. As I am sure you already know, bedtime stories are so important on many levels in supporting your child's development. You will be hearing much more about your crucial role in this over the coming weeks.

We would like to invite you to attend the Nursery for a story session on Thursday 17th October. The morning children can attend from 7pm until 7.30pm and the afternoon children can attend from 7.30pm until 8.00pm.

The children can come dressed in pyjamas.

Due to restrictions on space, we ask that only one adult attends with each child.

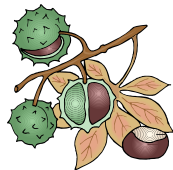
Another reminder of this event will be sent out to you at a later stage.

Songs and rhymes

Some songs and rhymes which we will enjoy this month are;

- Conkers, Conkers, Shiny and Round
- When you're going to a bonfire, take great care
- One potato, two potatoes
- There's a spider
- 3 wicked witches
- Apple tree

Conkers, Conkers



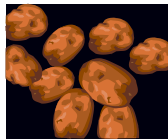
Conkers, Conkers, shiny and round
Put them in your pocket when you find them on the ground
Conkers, Conkers, fall from the tree.
A heap of shiny conkers
And a pile of fallen leaves

When you're going to a bonfire, take great care



When you're going to a bonfire, take great care
When you're going to a bonfire, take great care
When you're going to a bonfire
When you're going to a bonfire
When you're going to a bonfire
Take great care!

One potato, two potatoes



One potato
Two potatoes,
Three potatoes
Four
Five potatoes,
Six potatoes,
Seven potatoes
More

There's a spider



There's a spider on the floor, on the floor
There's a spider on the floor, on the floor
There's a spider on the floor
And he's coming through the door.
There's a spider on the floor, on the floor

Now the spider's on my knee, on my knee
Now the spider's on my knee, on my knee
Now the spider's on my knee
Now the spider's on my knee and he's looking right at me
Now the spider's on my knee, on my knee

Now the spider's on my tummy, on my tummy
Now the spider's on my tummy, on my tummy
Now the spider's on my tummy
Now the spider's on my tummy and I think I want my mummy
Now the spider's on my tummy, on my tummy

Now the spider's on my arm, on my arm
Now the spider's on my arm, on my arm
Now the spider's on my arm
And he won't do any harm (will he?)
Now the spider's on my arm, on my arm

3 Wicked Witches (to the tune of Green Bottles)



3 wicked witches flying in the sky
3 wicked witches soaring very high
And if 1 wicked witch
And her broomstick said goodbye
There'd be 2 wicked witches
Flying in the sky

2 wicked witches flying in the sky
2 wicked witches soaring very high
And if 1 wicked witch
And her broomstick said goodbye
There'd be 1 wicked witch
Flying in the sky

1 wicked witch flying in the sky
1 wicked witch soaring very high
And if 1 wicked witch
And her broomstick said goodbye
There'd be no wicked witches
Flying in the sky

Apple tree (Poem)



Here is the apple tree with leaves so green.
Here are the apples that hang between.
When the wind blows, the apples fall.
Here is the basket to collect them all.

Our prayers

God Our Father

God Our Father we come to say
Thank you for your love today
Thank you for my family
And all the friends you give to me.

Guard me in the dark of night
And in the morning send your light.
Amen.

God made the earth

God made the earth – (make a circle)
And God made the sky. – (point up)
God made the fish – (hand sideways waving)
And the birds that fly. – (flap your arms)
Animals, flowers, trees so tall – (reach up high)
God made everything big and small. – (big movement and small with fingers)
God made all that I can see. – (hands over eyes looking in the distance)
God made the world – (make a circle)
And God made me. – (point to self)

Learning to make the sign of the cross.



In the name of the Father
And of the Son
And of the Holy Spirit.
Amen