



## St. Anthony's Nursery Unit – November News

Dear Parents/Guardians,

We hope you all had a lovely Halloween break and that the children are as excited as us about getting back to Nursery. It's completely normal if your child feels a little unsettled returning to school this week. Transitions can be tricky, but with time, they'll ease back into their routine.

### **Parent Teacher Meetings**

Parent teacher meetings for **Primary 2 to Primary 7** have been scheduled for **Thursday 13th and Friday 14th November**.

Meetings for **Nursery and Primary 1** will take place in **Term 2**.

### **Planning for Learning:**

This month we continue to learn about **Autumn, Harvest & Light/Dark**.

- We will continue to identify signs of Autumn and changes in the seasons.
- We will discuss how some animals are preparing for the winter months.
- We will talk about the work of the farmer during Autumn.
- We will talk about the harvest, vegetables, make soup and bake some bread.
- We will discuss the darker evenings and how to remain safe in the dark e.g. wearing reflectors on coats.
- We will investigate how to make shadows.
- We will develop memory skills through games such as 'Kim's Game' – have a look at a number of objects on a tray, cover the objects and take one away. Can you identify which object is missing?
- In preparation for our Nativity performances in December we will begin to learn our Christmas songs.

### **Reminders:**

- Please provide your child with a pair of welly boots that can remain in school.
- Send a warm coat with your child every day for outdoor play.
- Please ensure that your child has a change of clothes that can remain in school should your child need changed.
- **If your child has been changed using clothes from the nursery, please ensure you return these.**
- Label your child's clothes/coats.
- Encourage your child to put on / take off / hang up coats themselves. This develops independence and self-confidence.
- **School will finish at 11am Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> November and remain closed on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> November**

## **ASPIRE:**

As you are aware, our Nursery Unit has been accepted to take part in the Advancing Shared Partnerships through Inclusive Relationships in Education (ASPIRE) Programme. This shared education programme will allow us to collaborate with Harrison Nursery School, in order to develop curriculum-based contact between pupils and staff from all backgrounds.

The project aims to bring about positive attitudinal and behavioural change among children, parents, staff and the wider community. This will be achieved through direct and sustained curriculum-based contact between children of predominantly different religious, ethnic, and socioeconomic backgrounds.

During the month of October our pupils got to visit Harrison Nursery School forest. Each class had the opportunity to take part in an outdoor play session in the forest, meet the children and staff from Harrison and begin to establish relationships. The feedback from the children and staff in both schools was extremely positive.

This month it is our turn to host! Harrison will be visiting St Anthony's on the following dates:

- N1GV – Monday 17<sup>th</sup> November
- N2SB – Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> November
- M3PMC – Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> November



## **Advance Notice of upcoming events in December!**

### **Christmas Play**

We're delighted to announce that on **Friday 5th December**, the Nursery classes will come together to perform their Christmas Show. The children are very excited to share their festive performance with you all —everyone is welcome! The children will be encouraged to wear something Christmassy on the day.

The show will begin at **9:15am**, and there will be an opportunity to enjoy refreshments and take photographs after the performance.

### **Christmas Fair**

Christmas Fair and Nursery/P1 Open Day : **Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> December** 1pm-4pm

*Thank you for your continued support.*

## Songs for November

### **Autumn Leaves** (tune –Mulberry bush)

The leaves on the trees turn yellow & red  
Yellow and red, yellow and red  
The leaves on the trees turn yellow & red  
All day long.  
The leaves on the trees turn orange & brown.....  
The leaves on the trees come tumbling down....  
The leaves on the ground go crunch, crunch, crunch  
Crunch, crunch, crunch, crunch, crunch, crunch  
The leaves on the ground go crunch, crunch, crunch  
All day long.

### **Harry the Hedgehog**

I'm Harry the hedgehog,  
Everybody knows,  
That I can feel the frosty ground  
Nip my little toes.  
So I think it would be nice,  
If I could build a nest,  
Where I could fall asleep  
Until the Springtime.

### **Little Acorn**

I'm a little acorn brown,  
Lying on the dusty ground,  
No one comes to pick me up,  
I am just a little nut.

I was as happy as can be,  
Until I fell out of my tree.  
Then Farmer Jack came along  
And he kindly planted me.

Now I'm a tree, I'm a tree,  
I'm a big oak tree.

### **Farmer Man**

I am the farmer man,  
I do the best I can.  
Growing food for everyone  
Oh, I'm the farmer man.

I dig a little hole in the ground,  
And I put a little seed in the  
hole,  
I cover it up with soil,  
And I hope the little seed will  
grow.

I am the farmer man,  
I do the best I can.  
Growing food for everyone  
Oh, I'm the farmer man.

### **The Owl**

There's a wide-eyed owl  
(fore finger & thumbs around  
eyes)  
With a pointed nose,  
(fore finger & thumb to make  
point)  
He has pointed ears  
(clenched hands, fore fingers up  
for ears)  
And claws for toes:  
(make hands into claws)  
He sits in a tree, And looks at  
you;  
(circles around eyes again)  
Then flaps his wings and says  
(hands to chest & flap elbows)  
"Tu-whit, tu-who!"  
(hands cup mouth to hoot)