



Clough Nursery Unit

Parents' Letter

October 2021



Dear Parent,

We are glad to see how well your children have settled into Nursery and have adapted to the new Nursery routines. Thank you for your co-operation with the Covid rules. Many of the rules go against our Nursery ethos but we look forward to the future when we can welcome you all back into the Nursery Unit. In the meantime we must do our best to stay safe and well.

A big thank-you to you all for your support for the MacMillan Coffee Morning. The tremendous sum of £90 was raised by Nursery alone for this great cause.

The days are now getting shorter and temperatures are falling. So we turn our thoughts in Nursery to the theme of "Autumn". Our colours for the month will be orange and brown and our shape is the Square.

Please note the following dates for your information:

1. **Tuesday 5th and 12th:** Gillian from *Jo Jingles* will be with us again with songs and rhymes for us to enjoy.
2. **Wednesday 6th:** *Orange Day*. On this day all the children are invited to wear something orange (if you can find something easily). All the activities that day will centre round the colour **Orange**.
3. **Wednesday 13th:** visit from *Hullabaloo* Theatre Company to perform "Happy Harvest".
4. **Monday 18th and Tuesday 19th:** *Parent Interviews*. Please fill in the form below and return to Nursery by Friday 8th October if you wish to have an interview by phone. Interviews will only last 10 minutes.
5. **Friday 22nd :** *trip to Portghlenone Forest*. The children come to Nursery as usual at 9.00. Please send coats. The children do not need to bring money or Snack as it will be provided by Nursery. We will return to Nursery at 12.15.

Please note that the *Half-term holidays* take place from **Monday 25th to Friday 29th October.**

Getting Ready to Learn offers support to parents and teachers in the early years sector. Please see attached details which enable you to access a website which has ideas for parents to support their child in the Nursery year.

Later in the year we will send you Home Learning packs. These are paid for by Getting Ready to Learn. GRTL also send information about your child's development and how to support your child's learning. In response, they ask parents to fill in a Baseline Questionnaire, showing what knowledge parents have at the start of the year about their child's learning. Later in the year, after all the information you have been given about early years learning, parents will be asked to fill in a second questionnaire, showing how much more they have learned during the year (hopefully!). Please fill in and return this Baseline Questionnaire to Nursery by Thursday 14th October. Thank you in anticipation for your support with these.

Please speak to any of us if you have any questions or uncertainties about the above.

*Thanking you,
J.Scott*

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I, the parent of _____ would like to have an interview by
phone.

Please contact me by phone on Monday 18th or Tuesday 19th October

between 9-10 am or 10-11 am or 11-12 noon.

(circle or highlight which day and time you prefer)