

March Newsletter

Dear Parents

Last month's learning about China and celebrating the Chinese Year created so much interest amongst the children and everyone enjoyed our Chinese Banquet and learning the 'Chinese Dragon Dance'

Number Week continued for 2 weeks as so many children were not able to make it to Pre-School with the snowy weather for the first week and we didn't want them to miss out on all the interactive numeracy, colour and shape activities we had introduced. The highlight of this was our 'Number Day' with Mrs Price and her Year 1 pupils and we had a great morning engaging in all the number/counting activities she had set up for us.

We have some new photos on our window board and on our webpage for you to enjoy - (dromaraps.org and click on the Pre-School link.)

**** Extreme Weather** - If the snow returns please check our website to see if Pre-School is closed - if the primary school is closed then we will be closed - Health & safety is a priority and if staff are unable to get into Pre-School we may have to close with insufficient numbers of staff available. If you are in any doubt please contact me before setting off.

Planned Learning Topic: This month we will be learning about '**People Who Help Us**' in our local community. We are planning a walk through our village to visit local shops, hairdresser, post office etc to promote discussion about our local community. If weather permits we may also have a visit to our village play park.

This week our Imaginative Play area will be set up as a 'Hairdressers', our construction area will be set up as a 'Building Site' and our Playdough area set up as a bakery.

Outdoor Play: The children are very keen to get outside for play in our garden area/sand pit so please make sure they have a warm coat and hat each day and if you don't want muddy or sandy knees please feel free to send in waterproof cover ups.

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World Book Day: We are celebrating 'World Book Day' on Thursday 5th March. Please send your child in with a copy of their favourite story book for our 'Show & Tell' activity and if they want to dress up as a character from a story that would be great. Please: do not go out and buy a new costume (make or borrow) and note that children don't have to dress up if they don't want to.

The Book Fair will arrive in the Primary School the week beginning 22nd of March (more details will follow) and we will have a £1 Gift Voucher for each child which they can use at the Book Fair.

St. Patrick's Day Celebrations -

Tuesday 17th March - Morning & Afternoon children will come together for a fun morning with Mr Hullabaloo Theatre Company from 9am - 11am

**There will be no afternoon session of Pre-School on this date - this will enable parents who are off to take their child on to afternoon activities and celebrations.

We are also delighted that Orla from the Murray School of Irish Dance is joining us on Friday 13th March for an Irish music & dance session.

Spring Walk in Castlewellaan Forest Monday 30th March

Parents are invited to join us for this social experience - with everyone meeting in the top car park of Castlewellaan Forest Park at 10am, having a walk with forest guides and finishing with a picnic in the castle and the children performing some songs and rhymes - More details will follow:

Please read, sign and return the permission slip below as soon as possible.

I do / do not give permission for my child _____
to walk through the village and visit shops and the playpark with Pre-School staff.

Signed: _____