

Dear Parents

Welcome to our Nursery News for the month of October 2019. We hope the information found here will be useful to you & keep you up to date with everything that is happening in our very busy school.

The boys and girls have settled well into the nursery routine and look beautiful in their new uniforms. We would ask parents to make sure your child's name is clearly marked on all items. Children regularly take off sweatshirts when they get warm or wet & unnamed sweatshirts or indeed jackets may get mislaid. A good way to mark the new reversible fleeces is to initial the reflective triangle with permanent marker or add a distinctive button or patch. We would remind parents that if you have not already done so, we do require spare pants and socks for your child.

Our colour this month is **ORANGE**—so children are encouraged to help build up our orange windows in the classrooms by providing interesting things from home.



Happy Birthday to...

Lucy Lara Olivia Addy



Congratulations to Olivia and the Fisher family on the birth of a little sister, Kate.

Thank you to everyone who came to our What Makes a Child Tick? session. I am sure you will agree it was an interesting and thought provoking evening. Look out for details of our next event for parents, First Aid for Babies and Young Children.

Our theme this month is Autumn/Harvest/Halloween. A copy of our planning for this month will be on display on the notice board. Anyone who wishes to have a personal copy of the planning should request one from your child's teacher.



To help with our theme this month we would be grateful if the children would bring in interesting items for our Autumn/Harvest displays. If you are out for an Autumn walk we would love some fir cones, conkers etc for lots of activities.

We wish to remind parents (childminders & grandparents too!) that during the last five minutes of each session you are invited to come into the classroom where your child will be busy at a table top activity. We do insist for health and safety reasons that children remain at their activity and don't come to meet you at the door. Please take this opportunity to spend a few minutes playing alongside your child, talking to them about their day & helping them to complete & tidy away their chosen activity, returning the box to the trolley. If you are bringing younger or older brothers & sisters into the room please keep them with you as we find children running around the room distracts our children in the nursery.



We also know that on occasions parents may wish to talk to the teachers when they pick up at the end of the session. We would ask that you wait until most other children have left with their parents so the teachers can remain ever vigilant at the classroom door.

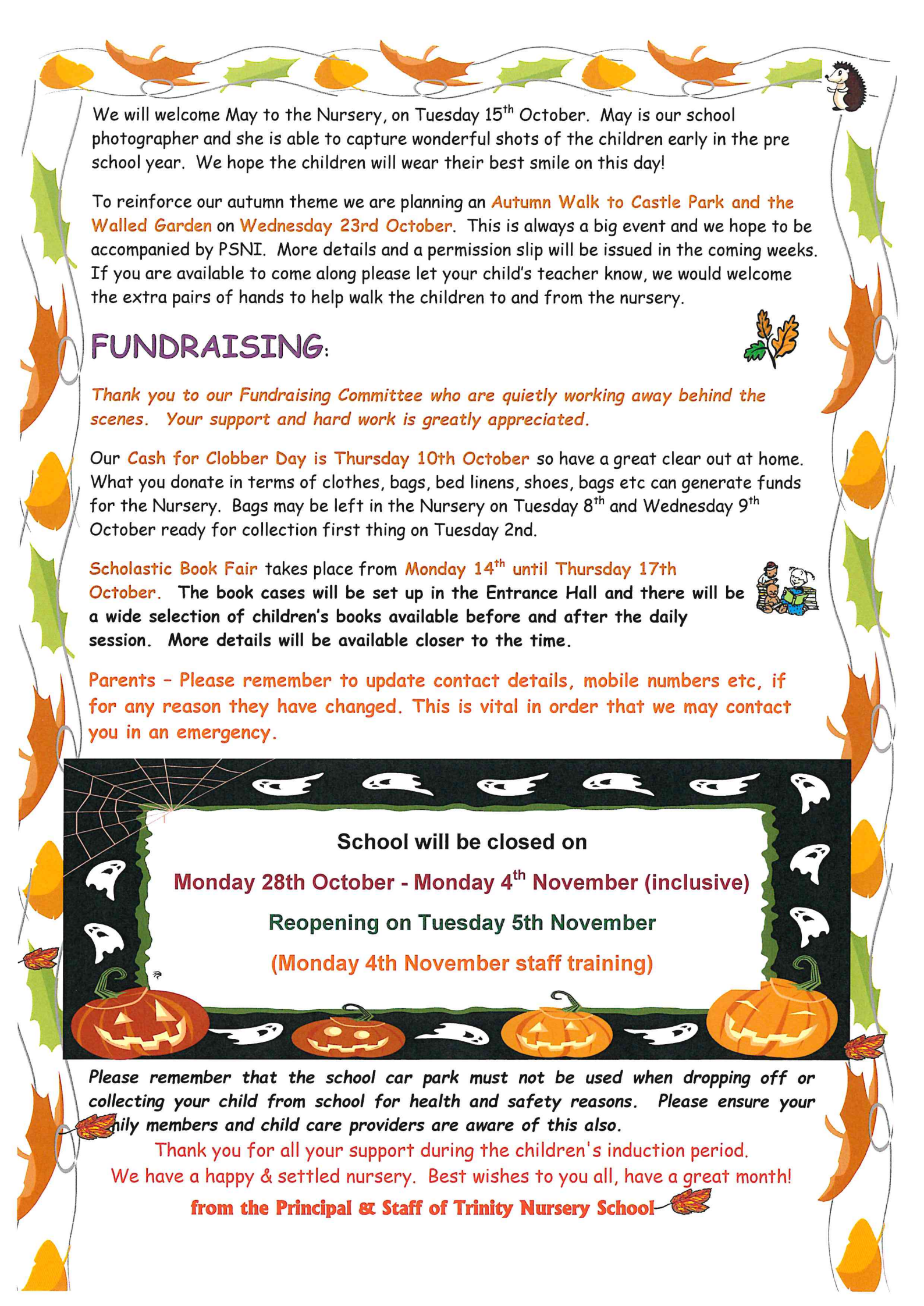
From time to time we ask parents to help us build up resources for the nursery. Please note that because we have children with allergies we will not be accepting egg cartons for junk art. For our sand play we would appreciate baby formula tins, so if you or your friends have young babies please save them for us. Also boxes, kitchen roll tubes, ribbon, packaging which might be interesting for junk art (no food stuffs or toilet rolls). **You will soon come to realise that we are like magpies in the nursery, collecting weird & wonderful things!** A few years ago a very generous parent donated a pallet of A3 white paper which was great for painting & craft. So if you know anyone who is a printer we would love to hear from you.

Eco-Schools As you are aware we are very proud of our internationally recognised Green Flag status which we achieved for the third time last year for the environmental awareness and action we have promoted in the Nursery. This month we will concentrate on planting autumn bulbs. The children will learn about growing bulbs & take responsibility for looking after them. We will also begin our work on recycling & you can help by bringing in old ink cartridges & mobile phones which we can recycle. Our eco-schools notice board will be used to inform you of the work we are doing in Nursery with regards to the different areas of sustainable development eg biodiversity, energy etc.

Lending Library We are pleased to offer a small "Lending Library" as part of our initiative to continue encouraging your child's enjoyment of books. This library is located in the main entrance hall in a purpose made library box. Children may browse and select a book at the start and end of their session. Please sign books in and out on the library cards. The books may be borrowed for up to one week and in case of any lost or damaged books there will be a standard £5 charge.

DIARY DATES - OCTOBER:

On **Wednesday 9th October** we will welcome Casey's Creatures. Casey will spend the morning in the nursery allowing the children to experience at close quarters, some sleepy hedgehogs and a few other surprises.



We will welcome May to the Nursery, on Tuesday 15th October. May is our school photographer and she is able to capture wonderful shots of the children early in the pre school year. We hope the children will wear their best smile on this day!

To reinforce our autumn theme we are planning an **Autumn Walk to Castle Park and the Walled Garden** on **Wednesday 23rd October**. This is always a big event and we hope to be accompanied by PSNI. More details and a permission slip will be issued in the coming weeks. If you are available to come along please let your child's teacher know, we would welcome the extra pairs of hands to help walk the children to and from the nursery.

FUNDRAISING:

Thank you to our Fundraising Committee who are quietly working away behind the scenes. Your support and hard work is greatly appreciated.

Our **Cash for Clobber Day** is **Thursday 10th October** so have a great clear out at home. What you donate in terms of clothes, bags, bed linens, shoes, bags etc can generate funds for the Nursery. Bags may be left in the Nursery on Tuesday 8th and Wednesday 9th October ready for collection first thing on Tuesday 2nd.

Scholastic Book Fair takes place from **Monday 14th until Thursday 17th October**. The book cases will be set up in the Entrance Hall and there will be a wide selection of children's books available before and after the daily session. More details will be available closer to the time.

Parents - Please remember to update contact details, mobile numbers etc, if for any reason they have changed. This is vital in order that we may contact you in an emergency.



School will be closed on
Monday 28th October - Monday 4th November (inclusive)
Reopening on Tuesday 5th November
(Monday 4th November staff training)

Please remember that the school car park must not be used when dropping off or collecting your child from school for health and safety reasons. Please ensure your family members and child care providers are aware of this also.

Thank you for all your support during the children's induction period. We have a happy & settled nursery. Best wishes to you all, have a great month!

from the Principal & Staff of Trinity Nursery School



Everyday and Everyway Talking about... October



October is a fun month filled with family events like Halloween. The Halloween break gives families more time to get together and have fun. Talking about what your family does to celebrate is a chance to teach language. Halloween is a time when children dress up and pretend. Acting like their favourite character encourages their imagination and their language skills.

Try these activities, songs, books, crafts to help your child learn. Speak, sing, and talk about books with your child in your own language.



Crafts and Activities

Make a leaf collage

Go for an Autumn walk and collect the treasures that have fallen onto the ground. Talk about what you have gathered. There are all sorts of colours, shapes and sizes so talk about the differences and similarities.



Roll out a large piece of wallpaper and spread the leaves out, stick them down using a glue stick. Some of the leaves will change over a few days so it would be interesting to observe the changes.

Create a pumpkin Jack-o-lantern

Let your child help you. He can scoop out the seeds. Talk about how the seeds feel in your fingers.

Draw eyes, nose and a mouth on the outside of the pumpkin.

Wash the seeds, roast them and eat them as a snack or use them for some art/craft activity.



Make a Spider

Use pipe cleaners and one bump from an egg carton to make a spider.

Let your child draw a face on the egg carton.

Help him poke the pipe cleaners to make 8 legs.

Talk about spiders... Where do they live? How many legs do they have? What do they like to eat?



Sing "Incy Wincy Spider" song together!

Dress-Up

Dressing up is good for your child's imagination and language skills.

Start a dress-up collection, it does not always have to be bought outfits. Find out shirts, dresses, hats, shoes, jackets and play jewellery. Look for great dress-up clothes at a charity shop. Ask who they are, what they are doing or where they are going in their dress-up clothes.

If Halloween is not part of your family, culture or religious traditions, watch out for other events in your community. Often churches, community centres, neighbourhoods or even businesses will host "Harvest Festivals" where children can go, play games and have fun! You could start your own Fun traditions!

Songs and Rhymes

Autumn Leaves

The autumn leaves have fallen down
Fallen down, fallen down,
The wind he came and blew them round
And below them round.

Let's find a brush and start to sweep,
Start to sweep, start to sweep,
And make them into a great big hep,
Into a great big heap
(to the tune of London Bridge is Falling Down)



Singing is a great way for children to learn new words. Don't forget to make up actions for songs!

Five Red Squirrels

Five red squirrels bushy and sweet,
(hold up fingers of one hand)
Looking for some nuts to keep,
(hand in front of eyes looking all around)
One red squirrel climbs a tree
(mime climbing)
Shut his eyes and falls asleep
(pretend to be asleep)
So that leaves four red squirrels bushy and sweet
Three ... etc

Incy Wincy Spider

Incy Wincy spider climbed up the water spout,
Down came the rain and washed poor Incy out,
Out came the sunshine and dried up all the rain,
And Incy Wincy spider climbed up the spout again!
(change to Big Fat Spider in a loud voice or Teeny Tiny Spider in a quiet voice)

Five Little Goblins

Five little goblins on a Halloween night
Made a very, very spooky sight
The first one danced on his tippy-tip-toes
The next one tumbled and bumped his nose
The next one jumped high up in the air
The next one walked like a fuzzy bear
The next one sang a Halloween song
Five goblins played the whole night long.

Out and about

When walking through the park extend your child's vocabulary to describe the leaves such as dry, crunchy, rustle and the way in which they fall such as twirl or float.
Point out Autumn colours in the trees or the appearance of warmer clothes in the shops. Look out for farmers taking in their harvest too.
If you have a kite enjoy flying it together. Talk about how the wind tugs at the kite as it flies.

Books

Go to your local library to find these and many more great books.

- PB Bear Catch that Hat, Lee Davis
- Pumpkin Soup, Helen Cooper
- Ac Acorn for Tea, Julie Sykes
- The Frightened Owl, Mark Ezra
- Oliver's Wood, Sue Hendra
- Room on the Broom, Julia Donaldson
- Owl Babies, Martin Waddell
- I'm Not Sleepy, Jane Chapman

