



St Clare's Abbey Nursery Unit

Newsletter February 2018

Welcome to our February 2018 Newsletter. We hope that you found last month's newsletter helpful and informative. We have already had some very positive feedback.



If you have suggestions about any other items that we might include or how we might improve our monthly newsletter, we would be delighted to hear from you. Your suggestions can be posted in the Suggestion Box in the cloakroom throughout the year.

During February the topics we will be discussing are:

- Transport, Road Safety and general safety
- Valentine's Day
- YELLOW
- Getting ready for Spring

Suggested Activities to do with your children at home

- To reinforce our focus on transport you might like to point out the different types of vehicles that you see en route to the Nursery
- Talk to your child about and engage in play with some emergency vehicles that he/she might already have. Let your child's imagination take over
- Reinforce the importance of holding hands with an adult while crossing the road and the importance of wearing our seat belts
- Encourage your child to be observant as you point out the Red Man and the Green Man at the pedestrian crossing
- Our colour focus for February is **YELLOW** and we would ask you to help your child find and recognise **YELLOW** items at home. We would ask if your child could bring a **YELLOW** item to school. We would appreciate it if these items were not breakable, suitable for children to play with and that they do not need to be returned. We thank you in advance for your cooperation in adding to our play activities and potential learning

- As many of our children have already turned four years old and as we have many birthdays on the way, we would be appreciative of old birthday cards to cut up and use in the Nursery. The children's birthdays should give you a chance to reinforce counting from 1 to 4 and to talk about numbers 1, 2, 3 and 4. This is a marvellous opportunity to experience early mathematical skills

Visitors to the Nursery and special events

- **Music workshop**



We look forward to a musical workshop with Gemma from "Boogie Beat". The children will have the opportunity to experience and to participate in singing and responding to music. This will take place on Friday 9th February.

Progress Meetings

Please look out for the list of times for these upcoming meetings. The scheduled dates for these is 7th, 8th and 9th February. A grid will be displayed in the Nursery hallway and you can add your name to a suitable time.

Songs and Rhymes

- **The Wheels on the Bus**



The wheels on the bus go round and round,
Round and round,
Round and round.
The wheels on the bus go round and round,
All day long.

The horn on the bus goes beep, beep, beep,
Beep, beep, beep,
Beep, beep, beep.
The horn on the bus goes beep, beep, beep,
All day long.

The driver on the bus says "move along please,
Move along please, move along please."
The driver on the bus says "move along please"
All day long.

The babies on the bus go "Waa waa waa,

Waa waa waa, waa waa waa".
The babies on the bus go "Waa waa waa"
All day long.

The wipers on the bus go swish, swish, swish,
Swish, swish, swish. Swish, swish, swish.
The wipers on the bus go swish, swish, swish,
All day long.

The people on the bus bounce up and down,
Up and down, up and down.
The people on the bus bounce up and down,
All day long

- **A Big Red Bus**



A big red bus,
A big red bus,
Mini mini mini
And a big red bus.

A big red bus,
A big red bus,
Mini mini mini
And a big red bus.
Ferrari Ferrari
Mini mini mini
And a big red bus

- **Row your boat**



Row, row, row your boat
Gently down the stream
Merrily, merrily, merrily, merrily
Life is but a dream

- **My bicycle has a bell**



My bicycle has a bell (x3)
Two wheels
Two pedals
And a saddle as well.
And as I ride along
You'll hear me singing my bicycle song
Tra la la la la
Tra la la la la
Tra la la la la
Singing my bicycle song

- **Roly, Poly**

Roly, Poly, Roly, Poly,
Up, up, up.
Roly, Poly, Roly, Poly,
Down, down, down.
Roly, Poly, Roly, Poly,
In, in, in.
Roly, Poly, Roly, Poly,
Out, out, out.
Roly, Poly, Roly, Poly,
Ever so slowly.
Roly, Poly, Roly, Poly,
Faster, faster, faster.
Roly, Poly, Roly, Poly,
Ever so slowly,
Roly, Poly, Roly, Poly,
Arms folded.

- **Wind your bobbin up**



Wind your bobbin up (repeat)
Pull, pull,
Clap, clap, clap.
Wind it back again (repeat)
Pull, pull,
Clap, clap, clap.

Point it to the ceiling,
Point it to the floor,
Point it to the window,
Point it to the door.
Clap your hands together,
One, two, three,
Put your hands on your knees

- **I have a little Valentine heart**



I have a little Valentine heart,
She wears a coat of red.
I gave her to my mammy
And this is what she said:
"I may be just a Valentine
Of paper, lace and glue.
But I am very special
Because I say 'I love you'"

- **What is yellow? (to the tune of Frère Jacques)**



What is yellow?
What is yellow?
Can you tell? Can you tell?
Sunshine and bananas x (2)
Lemons as well x (2)