Penyrheol Primary School

**Nursery Information Booklet**

**Welcome Pack**













How you can help and support your child:-

Talk to your child lots and lots about starting nursery! Encourage your child to become independent by:-

* Putting their coat on and taking it off
* Teaching them to wipe their nose
* Going to the toilet alone
* Reminding them to wash their hands
* Feeding themselves
* Tidying up their toys
* Using a knife and fork
* Carrying their own bags

Read lots of books and introduce your child to traditional tales such as The Three Little Pigs, Goldilocks and The Three Bears.

Sing Nursery Rhymes such as Humpty Dumpty, Little Miss Muffet. Jack and Jill, Hickory Dickory Dock and The Grand Old Duke of York etc.

**Please do not send me to school if I am ill – even if I want to!!**



If your child is ill then please phone the office number: **01792 892337**

Phone school to let them know you are ill.

**The number is 01792 892337**

**The First Day**

We gave you a little wink and smile
As you entered our room today.
For we know how hard it is to leave
And know your child must stay.
You’ve been with them for three years now
And have been a loving guide
But now, alas, the time has come
To leave them at our side.
Just know that as you drive away
And tears down your cheeks may flow
We’ll love them as we would our own
And help them learn and grow.
So please put your mind at ease
And cry those tears no more
For we will love them and take them in
When you leave them at our door.

Please bring your child to school on time

Morning Session 8.50am – 11.20 am



Please pick up your child on time

Afternoon Session 12.30pm – 3.00pm



Please remember to send a note or tell us if your child is not going home in the usual way

# The **Nursery** is a very important part of the whole school at Penyrheol Primary School and we aim to provide a happy, safe and stimulating environment in which all children feel secure, valued and respected.

We believe that children learn best through first hand experiences. These are not only enjoyable but nurture natural curiosity and help each child develop an understanding of themselves and the world in which they live.

The Foundation Phase offers a wonderfully holistic approach to our teaching and the development of children’s self-image, feelings of self-worth and self-esteem are at its core. We are certain your child will have a magical time exploring our inside and outside environments where they will take controlled risks, play with ideas, experiment and solve problems.

We look forward to working closely with you as parents in building the foundations of your child’s learning.

Playdough

Home made playdough is easy and inexpensive to make – it can last for weeks in an airtight container in the fridge.

You will need:-

2 cups of flour 2 tablespoons of

 cooking oil

1 cup of salt 2 tablespoons

 cream of tartar

2 cups of water food colour

Mix the ingredients well and transfer to a saucepan. Heat gently, stirring all the time until the dough is formed.

Snack

The school operates a Healthy Schools Policy and the children are provided with a selection of fruit for snack and water or milk to drink. On a Friday we have GOLDEN TIME and we have toast, crackers and cheese, dips, crumpets etc. Snack costs £1 per week and is **payable at the start of each half term**. Please could you put it in an envelope with your child’s name on. We encourage children NOT to bring their own drinks.

Toys -Please try not to let your child bring toys to school, as these can often become lost or damaged, resulting in very upset children.

Home-School Reading

A library session will take place every Thursday between 11.00am and 11.20am. This session gives you a chance to choose books or story sacks with your child and talk to staff. We would like you to comment on your child’s response to the books in their reading record. Books/sacks can be kept for a week, but MUST be returned the following Wednesday. Reading merits are awarded and your support is greatly appreciated.

Gym

Gym will take place on Thursday. Please dress your child in joggers and trainers with Velcro fasteners.

It would help enormously if you could practice tasking off and putting on socks and shoes with them.

Outdoor Learning – Wellie Wednesday

Every Wednesday we will be going outside to explore and learn in the natural environment. We go out rain or shine!!!!! Please dress your child in appropriate clothing for the weather, they will also get dirty so you may wish them to wear old clothes. We advise that all children bring Wellies to school as the grass is often muddy

 Golden Time

The school has a positive behaviour policy, leading to Golden Time activities on Friday. Each child has a merit card and they are rewarded for positive behaviour. When they have filled their card they receive a certificate during assembly or a class gathering. Also linked with this is a healthy treat of toast, jelly, yoghurt etc.

Uniform

Uniform is not compulsory, although we do encourage the children to wear a uniform. They look so smart. Uniform colours are; white, yellow, blue polo shirts. Grey trousers, skirt, dress.

Cooking

The children cook on a regular basis. If your child has any allergies please inform a member of staff.





We are really looking forward to your child starting nursery.

It’s a very special time for all the family and we want to make it as enjoyable as we can.

On the first day in Nursery your child will be shown:

* Where to hang their coat and bag
* Where the toilets are
* All the activities and toys
* The outside play area
* The carpet area
* The gym hall

We hope your child is excited about starting nursery, but if you have any worries please don’t hesitate in contacting us.

Thank you from Mrs Dindorp and the Nursery staff

**Children Learn What They Live
By Dorothy Nolte**

If a child learns with criticism, he learns to condemn
If a child lives with hostility, he learns to fight
If a child lives with ridicule, he learns to feel shy
If a child lives with shame, he learns to feel guilty If a child lives with encouragement, he learns confidence
If a child lives with tolerance, he learns patience If a child lives with praise, he learns to appreciate
If a child lives with fairness, he learns justice If a child lives with approval, he learns to like himself If a child lives with security, he learns to have faith If a child lives with acceptance and friendship, he learns to find love in the world.