


Little treasures!

Please could you check your child's pockets daily for any little toys from Nursery that may have been taken home by mistake. **Do not be embarrassed at all about returning these.** It is not unusual for children to want to play with the toys but it would be expensive for us to replace them all!



October newsletter

Our theme this month is Autumn and Harvest.
Throughout the month we will be looking closely at different leaves, making collages from natural resources, learning about the season, and maybe bobbing for apples! We hope to make wheaten bread and lentil soup.
Our colours are **brown** and **orange**.
Our shape is *square*. 
We will be talking about the concepts of *rough/smooth* and *wet/dry*.
Encourage your child to collect autumn leaves, acorns, pine cones, twigs or any other amazing things they find when out on an autumn walk. Make a collage picture or send us a photo!



Settling In chats

We would love to chat with you about how your little one is settling into nursery. We can meet you or phone you some afternoon. Teachers will be in touch this week to arrange the time that suits you best.

Website

Remember to check the **GRTL** tabs and **Home Learning** for ideas connected to the children's nursery experiences.

Diary Dates

Please check the calendar tab on our school website for all that is happening in school.

Our last day before Half-term break is Friday 27th October

Nursery will close at 11.30 on 27/10.

Nursery will re-open on Tuesday 7th November.

(There is a School Development day on Monday 6th Nov. and only the staff will be in.)

Photographs

Our school photographer, will be in school on Thur. 12th October to take **individual** photos of each child. Purchase of these is optional. More details to come soon.



Harvest Giving Boxes

We would normally have a little Harvest celebration and this year we are asking for donations for a hamper we are making for sharing with those in need in our local area. Please check overleaf for items needed. We are giving these to The North Belfast Foodbank. Thank you.



Reminder please:

NO shoes with laces in Nursery. Thank you



Child Sickness

If your child is ill - please text the nursery to let us know that he/she won't be in.

If your child has been vomiting or has had diarrhoea **then they should not return to school until they have had AT LEAST 24 hrs clear from the last incident of illness.**





October Donations

Shaftesbury Nursery School is a referring agency for North Belfast Foodbank. We have been in touch with them and there are a number of items that would be very gratefully received during October:

- **Non-perishable food**, including: Biscuits, canned potatoes, tinned vegetables, pasta sauces, tuna, tinned fruit, tinned ravioli, sugar, jam, peanut butter, chocolate spread, custard portions, rice pudding, rice, tea, coffee, fruit juices, tinned meat
- **Toiletries** including: deodorants, shampoo, razors, shaving foam, shower gel, sanitary products.

Any of the items would be fantastic and put to good use. We can also share donations with The Welcome Organisation.

We will leave a box outside the classroom entrance in the next few weeks. Please leave any donations in this box.

There will be NO school fund the week we are taking donations.

We would encourage you instead to let your child choose something for our 'Harvest Giving' box.

We will be talking with the children about where our food comes from and how we can be thankful for all we have.

In Circle-Time and through stories we will be talking with them about sharing with others.

This opportunity to help in our local community will link several areas of your child's learning and development across the Preschool Curriculum.

We talk about the SNS children as 'kind and helpful little people'.

