

# Brefne Integrated Nursery School

## November/December Newsletter

### Welcome Back!

I am delighted to see so many of our families returning and sharing your half term events with us including Diwali, Pumpkin picking, Day of the Dead and Halloween.

Although it may only feel like the start of the academic year was 5 minutes ago, we are already having to start to make arrangements for next year. Within this newsletter is some important information about applying for places for our Nursery and applying for school places. Please do speak to a member of staff, if you have questions or want to understand the process more. We are happy to help with this! If you have any questions about nursery or your child's development, please speak to a member of staff. Mrs McGimpsey

### Learning Journals

We really hope you all enjoyed looking through your child's learning journal last half term. The staff have really enjoyed observing all the children and sharing their learning with you. We had hoped to be able to do the same this half term but due to how short & busy it is, we won't be able to give you the same feedback. However, we hope to send all learning journals home on the last week of nursery before Christmas and have a parent teacher meeting in the new term.

### Makaton Friendly School

We are absolutely delighted to have received our Makaton Friendly School status. All staff are now fully trained in using Makaton with the children and do so on a daily basis.

The children have been learning some signs already and we are so pleased with how quickly they have picked it up.

After Christmas we will be holding an information evening for all families and starting to send home a Makaton sign per week.

We hope you enjoy learning about Makaton signs as much as we have done over the last few months.

### What's happening this half term?

**Folk Museum Trip** – The children all had a great time attending the trip to the Folk Museum and thoroughly enjoyed the Magic Soup story in the little cottage by the log fire! Thank you to all the helpers to come with us. We really appreciate all your help!

**Children in Need** – Thank you to everyone who donated to Children in Need. We raised £35 this year!

**Christmas Jumper Day** – This December we will be supporting Save the Children by wearing Christmas Jumpers/tops on 7<sup>th</sup> December. We are asking all families to make donation of their choice on the School Money app.

**Christmas Dinner** – We will be having our Christmas dinner on 7<sup>th</sup> December. We will send out the menu when we receive it.

**Christmas Stay & Plays** – We will be holding our Christmas Stay & Plays on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> & Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> December. More details will follow.

**Nursery closes for Christmas Holidays** - Nursery closes on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December and opens again on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2023.

**Open Day** - We will be holding our Open Day on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2023. We will send out an invitation and would really appreciate it, if you could pass it on to anyone who is considering sending their child to Brefne.

