

TOTS TO TEENS

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NEW TERM

Welcome to September's newsletter!

As the new term starts I would like to welcome all returning children, new children & parents. We look forward to working with you all over the coming months to plan and carry out activities that are best suited to meet the individual needs of each child.

All children in the under 3's, playschool and Montessori areas will be allocated a key worker in the coming weeks. The key worker will strive to do a learning story a month on each child and send it home to parents as they are done. These should be read and returned (if you would like a copy to keep just ask we will be happy to oblige) These learning stories provide a basis for planning curriculums in each area. Curriculum plans will be posted outside each area. As always we value parent's feedback, ideas and suggestions to help with planning.

STAFF ROTATION

In the interest of staff development and to enhance the experiences of all children attending, there has been a rotation of staff throughout the crèche. There will be photo and information about each staff member who will work with your children posted outside various rooms in the coming weeks.

It is with sadness we say goodbye to Sharon Dunworth (Playschool Leader) who has decided to move on to pastures new. We wish Sharon all the very best in her career.



Request

We are always looking for real items to extend the children's learning so if any parents have old hairdryers, mobiles, straighteners etc we could use them. (Please make sure they no longer work)

As we go through outdoor play equipment at an alarming rate (they get well used) we are also looking for any bikes, tractors, cars etc. that your children have outgrown.

We are hoping to have a number of sensory and manipulative walls put together soon. To do this we will be looking for bolts, locks hinge those types of things. I'll post a photo of the type of board we hope to achieve on our Facebook page soon.



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FUNDRAISER

As you are probably all aware by now the crèche is holding a joint fundraiser with Banogue National School. We are hoping to get maintenance carried out on our playground from these funds. So far the support has been phenomenal and I hope it will carry through when we look at selling tickets for the event. The Fashion show will take place on Thursday 29th September in Fitzgerald's Woodlands House Hotel Adare.

GOVERNMENT SCHEMES- ECCE, CCS & TEC

I am waiting for our Fees Policies and Calendars to be approved before we can start to distribute them. We are also waiting for forms from the Department that parents will need to fill to apply for the various schemes.

Any parents who are unsure of the various schemes / entitlements please make an appointment to meet Kathy or I to discuss them.

We will also be sending out new registration forms as these were updated in line with the new regulations of 2016.

HOUSEKEEPING

- Each child will have their own hook for personal belongings, coats bag etc.
- Each Family will have a post-box where the children's art work will go and also any notes etc. from me. Please check these regularly.
- All children should have a bag with a change of clothes each day as they have daily opportunities to participate in messy play.
- All children's belongings should be labelled- it is impossible for staff to know each child's belongings.
- As children are allowed to participate in messy play each day, school children should bring a change of clothes if parents wish uniforms to stay clean, and all other children shouldn't wear clothes that parents would not wish to get wrecked.
- **AFTERSCHOOL- Amanda does the staff Roster on Friday and children need to be booked in by Friday lunch time for following week. We may not be able to accommodate requests otherwise as we need to adhere to staff: child ratios.**
- **Road Safety** - can all parents, guardians and collectors of children please be careful when driving into the car park as children may be leaving with their parents, also please refrain from leaving your car running while unattended.
- Parent-staff communication: we are here to look after and work with your children and we respect that you are their primary carer. Please always come talk to us if you are unsure of anything or would like to make suggestion etc.