**St Francis’ Nursery Unit**

**Links with the Community Policy**

**Introduction**

Visiting places and meeting people is essential if children are to develop an awareness of the world/community they live in and the lives and roles of the people in it.

Through our monthly topics, we the staff of St Francis’ Nursery Unit, provide opportunities for the children to experience different cultures and jobs/professions within and beyond the local community. This is done through role-play, small world play and stories and discussions. We further enhance these experiences by taking the children on walks and invite relevant members of the community into the setting to talk to the children. (Please see Risk Assessments)

**Our Community Links are as follows:**

**September/October**
- We invite in the Principal, Vice-Principal, The Caretaker, The Secretary and Cook to talk to the children about their work.
- We visit the “Big School” to show the children around.
- Role Play/Shop – The Local Corner Shop.
- Harvest- Streamvale Farm
- Role Play: - Sept- The Home Oct- Halloween House

**November**
- We invite in the Patrol Person and the Community Police to talk about Road Safety and Stranger Danger.
- The Fire Brigade visits.
- We take the children on an Autumn Walk around the school grounds.
- Role Play – The Safety Station/Outer Space/The Home Area – The Bedroom.

**December**
- We invite in the Priest to talk about The Nativity and The Post Person/Postman Pat to take the children’s letters to Santa and talk about his/her job.
- We take the children over to school to see the Christmas Concert and Crib.
- Visit from Santa.

**January**
- We go on a Winter Walk around the school grounds.
- Role Play/Shop – “Iceland” and an Igloo.

January 2019
February
- We invite in a Doctor/Nurse/Dentist and Pharmacist/Ambulance Service to talk about Caring for Ourselves, Our Teeth, Medicine Safety and Healthy Eating.
- Role Play/Shop – Doctors, Hospital and Pharmacy.

March
- We invite in a Mother and New Baby and a Health Visitor to support our topics on Babies.
- Role Play/Shop – Mothercare and baby items in the Home Area.

April
- We go on a Spring Walk around the school to look for signs of spring.
- Easter Bunny leaves Easter Eggs for an Egg Hunt.
- We invite a Vet in to talk about his/her job and caring for animals.
- Streamvale Farm visits to show us animals and signs of spring.
- Role Play/Shop – Pet Shop and Vet Surgery.
- Jollies Pet Shop Visit.

May
- We look out for Various Modes of Transport to visit the School.
- We have a “The Teddy Bears Picnic” in Nursery Garden and the Ice-cream Man Visits.
- Role Play/Shop – The Café and Bakery.
- Invite a Baker in to bring and show children how to make buns.

June
- We invite in Primary One Teachers.
- Role Play/Shop – Travel Agency/Airport/Hotel.

(See list of dates of visits and visitors)