**FUNDRAISING**

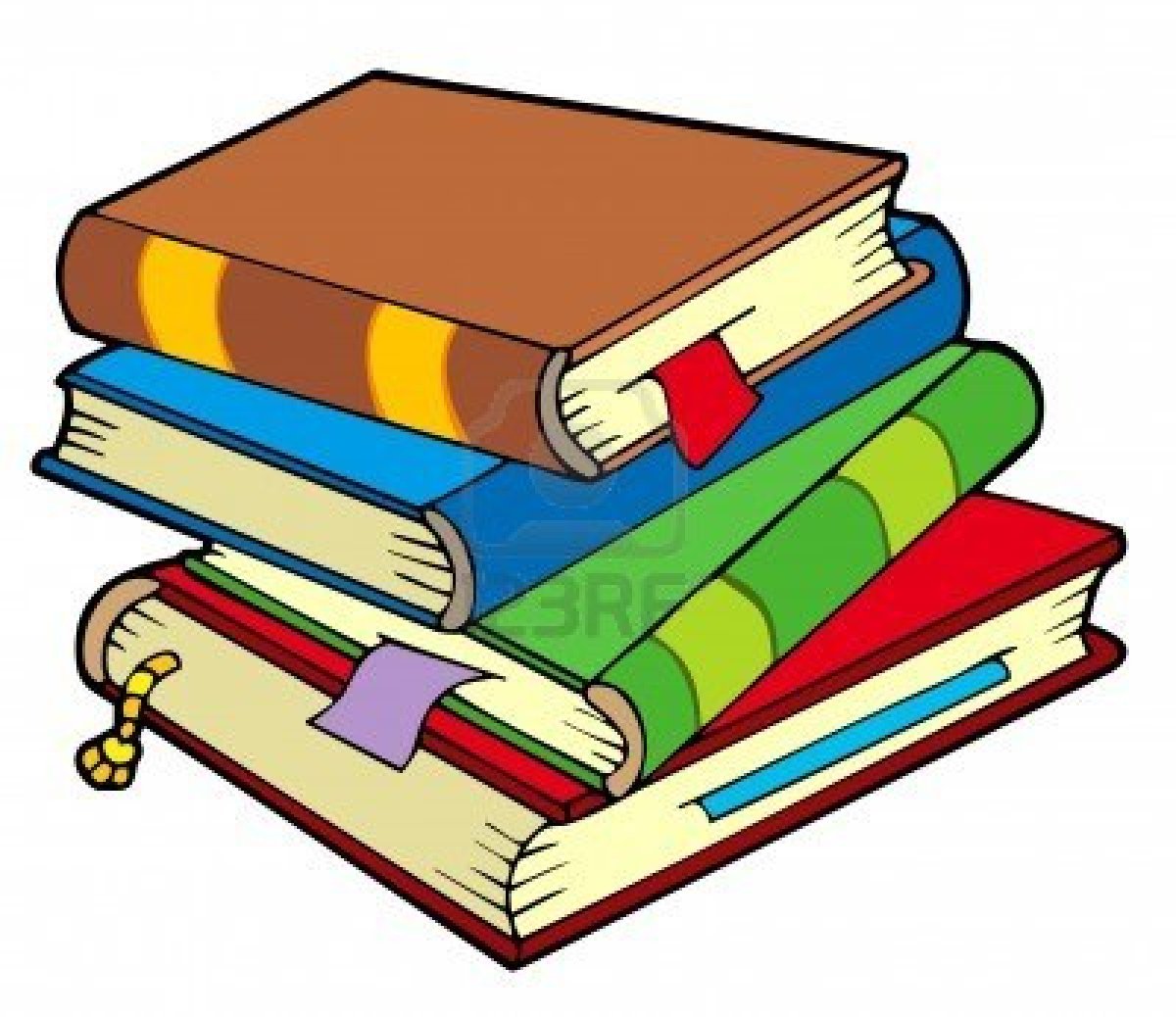
Thank you to everyone who supported our first fundraiser – our online draw. This raised £200 for preschool funds.

Many thanks to **Victoriana Floral,** Whitehead & **Haggan’s Fruit shop**, Larne, for their kind donations. Many thanks to Karen and Jennifer for coordinating this.

**DATES TO REMEMBER!!**

**Half term holiday** – closed Monday 26th to Friday 30th October inclusive

**Staff training day** – closed Monday 2nd November

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Our **‘Focus song and rhyme’** that you can also sing with your child at home will be….

*‘Dancing Leaves’*

*The Autumn leaves come dancing down*

*Yellow, red, gold and brown*

*They make a carpet on the ground*

*And fall asleep without a sound.*

*& continuing with the children’s favourite rhymes*

Our **‘Focus story’** for the month will be

***‘Squirrel’s Busy Day’***

The children are continuing to settle into Pre-school and are continuing to develop their awareness of the daily routines i.e. self-registration, break, and tidy-up time.

We would encourage you to continue to help reinforce simple daily rules i.e. listening ears, walking shoes, please/thank you

Due to the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic we are continuing to make every effort to maintain a safe and secure play environment through ongoing review of policies and procedures. We thank you for your ongoing patience and support and ask you to continue to adhere to the safety measures we have in place to ensure the safety of all users of our service – children, staff, and parents.

During October we will be focusing on seasonal changes, using language and resources which reflect the changes and help raise the children’s awareness of the world around them. Instead of our usual Nature Walk we plan to have a Scavenger Hunt in the garden. This will provide an opportunity to observe and investigate properties of natural materials. The materials gathered will be used to create individual and collective pieces of art.

We are sending home the scavenger hunt picture cards so that the children can hold their own scavenger hunt in their gardens along with family.

As in previous years we are participating in the Getting Ready to Learn Initiative. This is to promote parental participation and extend and support the learning that is taking place in pre school. This year we have secured funding which will be used to “gift” a learning pack to use at home. Details to follow.

Settling-in interviews will be held shortly – Lorraine will be in contact to advise how we plan to share information with parents/carers this year

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**Committee News**

Due to covid, committee is running via virtual methods. Our chairperson has posted details of how to be involved in our Parents & Carers Facebook Group

Congratulations to

Lily McC

who celebrates her

birthday this month

