DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Parent’s Healthy Walking Group – Enrolment begins Friday 24th February 2017 from 8.40am onwards.

Easter School Holidays – Monday 3rd – Thursday 13th April 2017.

**Please note only children booked to come in these days may attend.**

Easter Public Holidays - Friday 14th April and Monday 17th April 2017.

**Nursery closed to all children.**

ECO School BIG CLEAN – Thursday 27th April 2017. Times to be confirmed.

St Patrick’s Family Learning Centre Newsletter

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ABSENCE AND SICKNESS

A reminder that if your child is unwell we kindly ask that you contact the nursery and inform them of this. If your child has sickness/diarrhoea they should refrain from nursery for 48 hours since the last bout of either of these. Other common childhood illnesses also have exclusions, these are advised by the NHS. Staff will advise you of the recommended exclusion periods when you call.

HEALTH AND SAFETY

Please remember the doors at the main entrance open at 8.35am/12.55pm for the start of each session. Doors will open again at 11.35am/3.55pm for collection.

For the safety of all children please ensure your child/ren remain with you at all times.

ECO SCHOOL BIG CLEAN

Our Eco Committee are in the process of organising a big clean within the local community. This event will take place on Thursday 27th April. If you are available to assist our ECO committee with this event please speak to Debbie Nisbet (Green Group).

Also, if you are interested in becoming a part of the Eco Committee please see Debbie.

PARENTS HEALTHY WALKING GROUP

Louise McLean and Siobhan Devine (Community Learning and Development) will soon be starting a walking group within the local community. The aim of this is to encourage healthy and active lifestyles in adults. If you are interested in taking part, you are invited to come along to the nursery and sign up on Friday 24th February from 8.40am onwards.

SLEEP SCOTLAND DROP-IN

Following discussions with our parents/carers we are looking to arrange a drop-in clinic in relation to sleep, in conjunction with our colleagues at Sleep Scotland. This seeks to support families in creating effective bedtime routines and answer any concerns/questions you may have. A date and time is still to be arranged. Please look out for additional information on this on the notice board in the corridor.

TOILET TRAINING WORKSHOP

Again, recent discussions with parent/carers have highlighted that more information and support is needed with toilet training. We have spoken to the local Public Health Nurses who are looking to offer a workshop on this. A date and time have yet to be finalised, however if you are interested in this please inform your child’s keyworker and be on the lookout for more information on this.

SPARE CLOTHES

Accidents will happen at nursery, whether this be toileting or during play. Due to this we kindly ask that you provide your child with spare clothing, such as trousers, tops, pants and socks in the event your child needs to be changed. A canvas bag is provided for your child to store these items in and this should be kept on their peg.

If your child has grown out of any of these items and are no longer of use to your family all donations are greatly accepted.

PLEASE CLOSE THE DOOR!

When entering and exiting the playroom during the session, we ask that you remember to close the door securely behind you. This is to ensure the safety and security of all children.

MUD KITCHEN RESOURCES

Staff are in the process of developing our outdoor space and are seeking donations of various items that will support this. Pots, pans, metal and wooden kitchen utensils and buckets/spades would all be of great use. If you have any of these items in good condition and would like to donate them please hand these into your child’s keyworker.

FOREST SCHOOL

Preschool children from the Red and Green groups continue to visit the forest school each Friday. Following this it will be the preschool children from the Yellow and Pink groups. Please remember that parental support is necessary for this to continue and that your child must be accompanied on these days.

KODALY SESSIONS

The children will soon be invited to experience Kodaly, an exciting approach to music which will support them in developing beat, rhythm and movement skills.