DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

LEAVER’S CELEBRATION – Wednesday 14th June 2017.

FAMILY FUN DAY – Wednesday 28th June 2017.

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS – Thursday 29th June 2017 until Monday 14th August 2017 (inclusive).

**Please note only children booked in may attend.**

IN-SERVICE DAYS – Tuesday 15th and Wednesday 16th August 2017.

**Nursery closed to all children.**

**SCHOOLS REOPEN ON THURSDAY 17TH AUGUST 2017**

**HAVE A LOVELY SUMMER BREAK AND TO THOSE RETURNING IN AUGUST WE WILL SEE YOU ALL AGAIN SOON.**

**GOOD LUCK AND BEST WISHES FOR ALL OUR CHILDREN STARTING SCHOOL AFTER THE HOLIDAYS.**

St Patrick’s Family Learning Centre Newsletter

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HEAD OF CENTRE VACANCY

Following the recent interviews for the vacant Head of Centre post, it is with pleasure we announce that Sara Armitage will soon be joining the nursery team. Sara comes with years of early years experience, having worked in Stirling Council for the past 10 years and other authorities prior to this. We hope you will all make Sara feel welcome in her new role. It is anticipated that she will begin her post on Monday 19th June 2017, pending completion of the appropriate paperwork.

Due to this, it is with great sadness that we must say goodbye and thank you to Ann Shirra, who has been covering the vacant post alongside Claire Black since January. Ann will now return to her post as Depute Head of Kildrum FLC. We all send her our best wishes.

Claire Black will return to her post as Depute Head of Centre (Job-Share), with Sheryl McIntosh covering the other half of this post (Mon, Tues, Wed AM) until the post is advertised and filled.

LEAVER’S CELEBRATION

A reminder that the Leaver’s Celebration for our pre-school children will take place on Wednesday 14th June between 5.00pm and 6.30pm in St. Patrick’s PS hall. Apologies for the change in date! The theme of this year’s event is shorts and shades, so we would be grateful if you could dress your child appropriately in summer clothing, i.e. t-shirt and shorts or dress. You should all have received your tickets for this event, if not please see your child’s keyworker as soon as possible.

CAR PARK REMINDER

Please be considerate towards other families attending the Centre, as some may require access to specific parking bays in the car park. The disabled bays are to be used by blue badge holders only and the layby is for drop and pick up only. We understand that it can be difficult to find parking spaces at these times, however please use the allocated parking bays at all times.

SUN CREAM APPLICATION

Due to the recent increase in hot, sunny weather we ask that you apply sun cream to your child before their arrival at nursery. The NHS states that this should be applied at least 30 mins prior to sun exposure to ensure maximum protection. If a top-up of cream is needed during the session, staff are more than happy to oblige, however, please understand that it is very difficult for staff to apply sun cream to all children on their arrival. If this is necessary the opportunities for children to explore and play outdoors on warm days can be limited.

FOOTBALL CARDS

Please could everyone ensure that they return their football card, and any money raised to the office as soon as possible? If you have not managed to fill in your card, please do not panic as these can be offered out to other families who are looking for more cards. The funds raised from these cards, as mentioned, is used to provide entertainment for the children on the annual Family Fun Day, so all contributions, little or large, are greatly appreciated.

FAMILY FUN DAY

As mentioned in our last newsletter our annual Family Fun day will take place on Wednesday 28th June 2017. It is not a normal session on this day. All children, both AM and PM are invited to come along between 10.00am and 12.00pm and join in the fun. Each child must be accompanied by an adult, as staff are needed to man the stalls and rides offered on the day. If there is any issues with this please see a member of management.

SUMMER HOLIDAY PROVISION

As you may be aware the Centre remains open during the summer holidays, although if you require the service during this time a cost of £3.38 per hour is charged and a debtors account is required to be opened. Forms are available from the office and these must be completed and returned by Wednesday 7th June 2017. Please note that we have limited staffing during holiday periods, so not all requests can be accommodated. Our Under Threes provision will run as normal, however, if your child is not attending could you please inform their keyworker as soon as possible.