DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

May Public Holiday – Monday 1st May 2017.

**Nursery closed to all children.**

In-Service Day – Thursday 4th May 2017.

**Nursery closed to all children.**

Parent’s Evening - Tuesday 9th May 2017.

May Public Holidays – Friday 26th May and Monday 29th May 2017.

**Nursery closed to all children.**

Leaver’s Celebration – Wednesday 7th June 2017.

Family Fun Day – Wednesday 28th June 2017.

St Patrick’s Family Learning Centre Newsletter

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ST. ANDREW’S SPRING TEA FUNDRAISER

A big THANK YOU to all the parents/carers who joined us at the Spring Tea Fundraiser. Your contributions, either through cake or money donations, has raised £210.08 for St. Andrew’s Hospice. We were glad so many of you came along and had fun with your child and spending time savouring the home baking!

FOREST SCHOOL

Preschool children from the Yellow and Pink groups are now being offered the opportunity to participate in our Forest School, this beginning on Friday 21st April. Please remember that parental support is necessary for this to continue and that your child must be accompanied on these days or unfortunately we cannot allow them to attend due to the ratios involved in this. The dates for these groups are Fri 21st and 28th April, 12th and 19th May and 2nd and 9th June 2017.

FLUORIDE VARNISHING

Childsmile will be visiting the nursery on Tuesday 25th April 2017 to carry out fluoride varnishing on the children’s teeth. Consent forms for this were completed during enrolment, however if you have any questions or queries regarding this please see your child’s keyworker.

BIG SPRING CLEAN

Unfortunately, we need to postpone our Big Spring Clean event which was due to take place on Thursday 27th April 2017. This will be rearranged as soon as possible, so please look out for the new date on our information board and if you can spare the time, come along and help the staff and children clean up our local community.

PARENTS EVENING

Your child’s keyworker has now completed their report and as mentioned previously, these will be discussed with you on Tuesday 9th May between 1630 and 1850. Appointment sheets are now available for you to make a suitable time to come along and chat about your child’s progress at nursery. These are available for completion at drop off and collection times, beside your child’s sign in/out sheet.

PHOTOGRAPHER

Instant Images Photography will be in the nursery on Friday 12th May 2017 to photograph the children. This will take place during their nursery session, however if you wish to have siblings photographed together then a time slot will need to be booked with office staff. As many siblings will be at school during the day, appointments for this will be available from 3pm onwards. There will be no obligation to purchase the photographs if you do not wish to do so.

ST. PATRICK’S PRIMARY TRANSITION VISITS

Visits for the children moving on to St. Patrick’s Primary School after the summer break will begin on Wednesday 17th May 2017 at 11.00am. If your child attends nursery in the AM session, staff will ensure your child is taken on these visits. If your child attends a PM session it is important that you drop your child into the school for this time in order for them to participate. Further dates have been sent out to each individual child from the school and you will be reminded of these dates on the information board in the nursery corridor weekly.

LEAVER’S CELEBRATION

It’s that time of year again, where we come together and celebrate the achievements of those children who will leaving us at the summer to go on to Primary School. The leaver’s Celebration will take place on Wednesday 7th June in St. Patrick’s Primary School hall between 5.00pm and 6.30pm. All pre-school children are invited to come along with members of their family to join in with this event. Please note, that due to health and safety reasons we are unable to accommodate more than 4 guests per family. Parents and Carers will soon be asked how many tickets are required per family, and these will be allocated nearer the time of the celebration.

FAMILY FUN DAY

Our annual Family Fun Day will be on Wednesday 28th June 2017 between 10.00am and 12.00pm. Please note this will not be a normal nursery session, as all the staff will be involved in providing the stalls for the fun day. An adult must accompany all children on this day for this reason. There will be a bouncy castle, swing chairs and many more stalls providing face painting, nail painting, tombola and other fun games. There will be a small charge for some of the stalls. More information will follow over the next few weeks. If you have any question please see a member of the management team.

FOOTBALL CARDS

We will be giving out football cards soon to help with fundraising for the nursery. The money raised from this will go towards the entertainment for the end of term, including Family Fun Day, as well as for gifts for the school leavers. We would appreciate your support in this and all contributions will be greatly received.

PARENT’S COMMITTEE

We are hoping to have the parent’s committee back up and running in the next academic year. As such, we are on the lookout for new committee members to continue to support the nursery. If your child is returning to nursery next term, we ask that you think about joining our Co-Co Pat’s Parent’s Committee. If you would like to be a member of this, please speak to a member of staff to have your name added. Once we have compiled a list of members, we would be looking to hold a meeting towards the end of this term in preparation for the start of next.