

APRIL-MAY 2017

Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome back everyone. We hope you enjoyed your Easter break and managed not to eat TOO much chocolate. We are all looking forward to a very busy Summer Term here at St Mary's Nursery.

As you will see from the busy diary dates this is the term where our Pre-schoolers start their transition to Primary One. You will receive information about this and other events over the coming weeks.

The children continue to share and extend their ideas for learning during the Summer term. We welcome you to come in and share in our learning, bringing your talents (gardening, baking, storytelling, etc) with you. We would love for you to join us.

Pre-school Playdates

You have been invited to come along to spend time with your child in Nursery if they are due to start P1 after the Summer break. We are looking forward to discussing your child's progress and their many achievements during their time with us in the Nursery. Please put your name alongside a time slot if you haven't already done so.

Outdoor Weather Protection for your child

Spring weather brings stronger UV rays, rain showers and cool days too. Please ensure your child has weather appropriate clothing and footwear and is wearing plenty of Suncream on sunny days <u>before</u> they come to Nursery. Unfortunately we

cannot apply Suncream to your child. Thank you.

Our Nursery Garden

A huge thank you to everyone who has helped to reinvigorate our outdoor space, whether bringing items to use at the mud kitchen, sourcing loose parts or helping with the laying gravel/bark or painting fences/staging. This is still a work in progress and your support is crucial to allow your children the freedom to explore, investigate and create play experiences that enhance their learning. Please keep a look out for notices asking for your help.

Nursery Summer Outing

Our Nursery Summer Outing will be to East Links Family Park at Dunbar. The planned date is Thursday 22nd June.

As this is a full day event parents/carers will be required to accompany their own child. This outing is very heavily subsidised through the school and your snack contribution, therefore we are asking for only £5:00 towards the cost of an adult admission (50% reduction) we are covering the cost for your child's entry and the entire bus payment for all.

Story and Songtime

As you know we have tried various ways to minimise disruption at the end of the session. Please can you wait in the cloakroom to allow our children to enjoy story and songs and a member of staff will bring your child to you. As always, let us know if you are picking up early and we will be happy to accommodate.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Monday 1st May	May Day Holiday
Tuesday 2nd May	Nursery resumes
Monday 22 nd May	In-service day
	Nursery closed
Tuesday 23 rd May	Nursery resumes
Thursday 22 nd June	Planned Nursery
	Summer outing
Friday 23 rd June	Nursery Sports
Monday 26 th June	Pre-schoolers Nursery
	Celebration
Friday 30 th June	End of term

This is an exciting term for our Preschool children. Please look out for a letter to follow, detailing transition dates and information.

With best wishes, The Nursery Team