



## Newsletter May/June 2019

***Please continue to check the website regularly as there are updates, information and calendar dates being added throughout the year!***

### **Learning Themes**

Information about our 'Learning Themes' for May and June can be found on our website under 'PARENTS' and 'LEARNING THEMES'.

### **Friends of Ballyclare Nursery PTA Events**

#### **Dentist Visit**

We were delighted to welcome one of our morning parents, Laura- a dentist, into school to talk to the children about brushing their teeth and basic dental health. The children all went home with a goody bag that had been arranged by the PTA. We will also be holding our sponsored 'tooth brush' event in school soon. Date to follow!

#### **Carnfunnock BBQ- Date for your diary!**

The annual PTA BBQ will be held at Carnfunnock Country Park on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> June. Details and tickets will be available nearer to the time!

### **Car Park Entrance Arrangements**

Our new fencing and gates have now finally been completed. We would ask all parents to now use the **side gate** and walkway to Classroom 3. Classrooms 1 and 2 should be accessed in a similar way via the **main school gate** and entrance. Please do not cut across the car park to access either of these entrances. Thank you.

### **Transition Reports and Parents Meetings**

In June we will be inviting you into school to look at your child's Transition Report, which gives details of the progress, and achievements they have made in Nursery this year. A copy of the report will then be sent to their new Primary School and you will receive a copy to keep. These meetings are only very brief so if you are unable to come at any of the given appointment times then please see your child's teacher to arrange a more suitable time to avoid taking un-necessary leave from work etc. Please note on these days- **11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> June**- we will be closing approx. half an hour earlier at the end of morning and afternoon sessions to allow staff to facilitate these meetings.

### Scholastic Book Fair

Many thanks to everyone who supported our Book Fair. We are delighted to have received £655.91 to spend on books for our school!

### Graduation

Fran our photographer will be taking Graduation photos on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> June. You will then be able to order the photographs online in time to be collected on your child's graduation day.

This year our Graduation Ceremonies will be taking place at Fairview Primary School. Afternoon Session Graduation – Weds 26<sup>th</sup> June and Morning Session Graduation- Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> June. **However please note that on Weds 26<sup>th</sup> June there is NO MORNING SESSION and on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> June THERE IS NO AFTERNOON SESSION.** More details will follow nearer the time. There will be a garden party with entertainment and ice cream/refreshments back at the Nursery after the Graduation has finished so everyone is welcome! Due to number limitations in Fairview it will only be possible to invite 2 adults per child to attend.

### End of Year Parties and Finishing Arrangements

Afternoon session children will be having their leaving party 1-2:30pm on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> June. **They will finish Nursery on that day for the summer holidays.**

Morning session children will have their party on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> June 9-10:30am and finish on that day for the summer holidays.

We will be looking forward to being entertained by David Lillie from Lil Magic!

### Working Outside

As the Summer months begin we hope to be taking the children outside to work more often and for longer periods of time every day- weather permitting. **On hot days please send your child with sun cream on and provide a hat for them to wear. It is advisable to leave a hat in your child's peg bag so that it is available at all times please.** If your child arrives in school without sun cream on then we will ask you to apply it for them. **We also ask that children do not wear open toed sandals or flip -flops.** This is purely for their own safety when working outside. Closed in shoes that do not cause trips or come off easily are the most suitable footwear when we are outside.

### Arts Week

We are delighted to be holding our annual Arts Week again this year with Stephen and Anne- professional actor and artist. They will be here the week beginning 17<sup>th</sup> June to work with the children. This will be a fun filled week of art, drama and music around a story theme. **The children will be invited to come to nursery dressed up as a pirate on the Friday 21<sup>st</sup> June to finish the week off in style!**

You will also have the opportunity to come into school to create a 'memory tile' with your child during this week. The tiles cost £6 each, which is paid on the day you come in. We will then be making a 'memory wall' from last year's and this year's tiles to remember all the children who have attended the Nursery. Last year some of our families chose to bring older

brothers and sisters who have attended previously in past years to create a tile also, so this is an option also. More details will follow nearer to this event.

### Diary Dates

#### **May:**

Weds 1st- Jo Jingles

**Mon 6<sup>th</sup>- CLOSED FOR BANK HOLIDAY**

Weds 8<sup>th</sup>- Jo Jingles

**- Family photograph Sittings 4:30-7:30pm (information on 'letters' section of school website)**

Thurs 9<sup>th</sup>- Sunshine Kids

Mon 13<sup>th</sup>- Rugby

Tues 14<sup>th</sup>- Jo Jingles

Thurs 16<sup>th</sup>- Sunshine Kids

Mon 20<sup>th</sup>- Rugby

**Tues 21<sup>st</sup>- SCHOOL CLOSING AT 11:15am FOR BALLYCLARE MAY FAIR. NO AFTERNOON SESSION ON THIS DAY**

Weds 22<sup>nd</sup>- Last session of Jo Jingles

Thurs 23<sup>rd</sup>- Sunshine Kids

**Fri 24<sup>th</sup>- NURSERY CLOSED- REOPENS ON WEDS 28<sup>th</sup>**

30<sup>th</sup>- Last session of Sunshine Kids

Fri 31<sup>st</sup>- Forest School @ Fairview Primary for both sessions

#### **June:**

Mon 3<sup>rd</sup>- Rugby

Thurs 6<sup>th</sup>- Graduation Photographs being taken

**Tues 11<sup>th</sup> and Weds 12<sup>th</sup>- Nursery closes 10:45am session and 2pm afternoon session for parent meetings**

Fri 14<sup>th</sup>- Mr Hullabaloo Theatre Company

Mon 17<sup>th</sup>- ARTS WEEK ALL WEEK

- Last session of Rugby

Friday 21<sup>st</sup>- Pirate Day- children dress up

Weds 26<sup>th</sup>- Afternoon Graduation @ Fairview Primary- **NO MORNING NURSERY SESSION ON THIS DAY**

Thurs 27<sup>th</sup>- Morning Graduation @ Fairview Primary School- **Afternoon session party 1-2:30pm and LAST DAY**

Fri 28<sup>th</sup>- Morning session last day and party 9-10:30am

*Further information about some of these events will follow nearer to the time.*

*All diary dates are on our 'Calendar' on the website, with details of key events to the end of June.*