



## End of Year Information June 2023

***As we approach the end of the school year there are still lots of exciting events and activities for your child to look forward to!***

### **Learning Themes**

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

### **Friends of Ballyclare Nursery PTA End of Year Raffle**

The PTA will be running an end of year raffle as usual, with prizes being available for collection at graduation.

Prizes include a £50 ASDA voucher, 2 x tickets to Down Royal, a hamper and much more.

***If any parents or local businesses would like to donate a prize for the raffle, please get in touch. Please leave any prizes into nursery by Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> June.***

All funds raised by the PTA go directly to supporting the nursery!

*We are very grateful to our PTA who volunteer to organise all the activities throughout the year. We use the money raised to provide activities that the children participate in during their time with us- which otherwise we could not do! Thank you to all parents involved this year!*

### **Transition Reports**

On Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> June you will be receiving your child's Transition Report, which gives details of the progress they have made in Nursery this year.

A copy of the report will also be sent to their new Primary School.

### **Graduation and Class Photographs**

Graduation photographs are still available to order online. So that the photographs can be here for graduation day you will need to place your order by this **Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> June**.

Class photographs (and any Graduation photos that were taken late) - we will be receiving the codes for these in the next few days to send home.

### **Arts Week**

We are delighted to be holding our annual 'Arts Week' again this year after a few years post Covid. We are delighted to welcome back Stephen Beggs- Actor- who will be engaging the children in storytelling and drama activities.

Ruth Moxen- artist- will also be here to offer the children lots of creative opportunities. They will both be here all next week beginning 19<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.

We also are pleased to welcome David Morrison from 'Music Movers and Shakers' who will be here on the Monday 19<sup>th</sup> of Arts week to engage the children in musical activities.

Our story this year is " **Jack and the Flum Flum Tree**" by Julia Donaldson. This story is all about a little boy going on an adventure

across the sea. We have been reading this with the children in school so that they are familiar with the story and the characters.

On the Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> June we will end the week with a 'pirate' day! Child can wear something 'piratey' to nursery. Please do not go out and buy a full pirate costume! A head scarf/hat and/or eye patch will be fantastic! Particularly, if the weather is as warm as it is at the moment, the children will need to be in cool clothing.

### **Graduation Days- Memory Tiles**

During your child's graduation day there will be a variety of activities for you to complete with your child.

You will also have the optional opportunity to create a 'memory tile' with your child during this week. The tiles cost £7.50 each, **which is to be paid on the graduation day. PLEASE BRING THE CORRECT CHANGE IF POSSIBLE!**

We will add the tiles to our 'memory wall' to remember all the children who have attended the Nursery.

### **Sticker charts**

Please return all sticker charts (even those not completed) to us by next Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> June so that we can send home certificates.

### **Big Bedtime Read Packs**

Please check for any outstanding packs and books that you still have at home and return to us as soon as possible!

### **School Fund**

Please send in any money owing in the envelope sent home. If you are unsure of what is still outstanding then please speak to your child's teacher- Thank you.

### **Diary Dates**

There is further information about upcoming events on the letter sent home previously. These are also on the 'Home' page of our

website under 'News'- 'End of year information'.

16<sup>th</sup> June- **Nursery CLOSED for Staff Day**

19<sup>th</sup> June- 'Arts Week'

23<sup>rd</sup> June- Pirate Day and Reports to go home

27<sup>th</sup> June- Jo Jingles and class parties

28<sup>th</sup> June- Movie Day:

**-AM session 9-10:30**

**-PM 12-1:30**

*(Last day for returning children- we look forward to seeing you all again next year!)*



### **Graduation Days:**

29<sup>th</sup> June- PM children Graduation Day- and **last day of school for PM children** (no AM session on this day) –

**12:15- 2pm**

30<sup>th</sup> June- AM session children Graduation Day and **last day of school-**

**9:45- 11:30am**

**We would like to thank you all for your support over the past school year. We wish you and your child every happiness as they leave us to move onto the next exciting step in their educational journey!**

**Have a safe and happy summer!**



