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**April Newsletter 2025**

**Drumchapel Family Learning Centre**

**Dear Parents/Carers and Families,**

How nice is it to see a lovely change in the weather? Spring has nearly sprung and we welcome the brighter days and nights ahead. Please find some useful information included in this month’s newsletter.

**Spare Clothes**

A wee reminder that a spare set of clothes/pants in your child’s bag helps us out on occasions where they need to be changed. There may be times we have run out of our own spare clothes or are running low. If you can check if your child has a spare change of clothes in their bag, we would greatly appreciate it. Thank you.

**Nursery Donations**

Please see the attached list of items we would greatly appreciate as donations to our playroom. Thank you.

**TLC Tuesdays (Talk, Laugh, Chat)**

Please join us on the **29th April** for an informal event in our new Family Room to encourage parental relationships and build on our sense of community. Hosted by Gill (CDO 0-2 room) we want to invite you in for a wee cuppa and a biscuit. We can arrange 2 different times to support children’s sessions so we would offer you the chance to **pop in at 8.30am or 1pm at drop-offs**. We are very excited to provide you with a cosy space for future events and hope to see you there on the 29th.

**Allocation of Hours**

Please look out for the ‘**allocation of hours**’ letter we will be sending out to parents soon. This is for **returning children only** to assess if the current contracted hours allocated still fit your needs. This will allow us to review our sessions and try and meet the needs of parents and families better, going into the new term in August.

**Summer Fundraiser**

We contacted you recently about our Easter fundraising plans. Due to unforeseen circumstances, we have decided to cancel this and focus on a summer fundraiser instead. Details will be provided in the May newsletter.

**Staff Development**

All staff at Drumchapel FLC are encouraged and supported to develop their knowledge and skills to offer the children the best care and learning experience possible. This month we have staff attending the following training:

* Kat (HoN) –Changing Hearts and Minds Programme
* Claire (CDO) – Stramash Outdoor Leadership and Principles and Practices of Parental Engagement
* Kathleen (DHoN), Lisa (LPA), Patrick (CDO) – Nurturing my Potential

**Parent / Families Consultation**

**Nursery Graduation:** We will be sending out a questionnaire soon to get your thoughts on the nursery graduation this year. Please take the time to complete this as it will better inform the plans we need to make to celebrate our children leaving nursery for school.

**Birthday Celebrations:** We will be sending out a questionnaire soon to get your thoughts on birthday celebrations this year. Please take the time to complete this as it will better inform the way in which we celebrate important days in the children’s lives.

**Transitions for School**

We have been informed that transition days for children attending school will be sent out directly by the school. However, they will send us flyers with dates which we will share with you and display on our notice board in the nursery entry.

**Important Dates**

**Monday 7th April – Monday 21st April 2025** - **Term time children** will be off for Spring Break.

**Friday 18th 2025 to Monday 21st April 2025** – **Nursery is closed to all children** for Good Friday and Easter Monday.

**Gentle Reminder**

We love dogs here at DFLC, but we need to gently remind parents/families/local community that dogs are not permitted on the school/nursery campus. Please, if you see anyone with a dog on the campus can you help us gently remind them of this. Thank you.

**Sunny Days**

With the sunny days and warmer weather approaching, may we ask that you bring in sunscreen and a summer hat for your child to help us keep them protected from harmful rays. Thank you.

**Leadership Update**

I would like to share with you all the news that I will be leaving DFLC. I have thoroughly enjoyed my time at DFLC getting to know the children, families and staff and love the community spirit at this side of the city. However, for the purpose of a work life balance unfortunately I have decided to relocate to another nursery closer to home. I want to thank you all for the warm welcome I received last summer and the support you have given myself and the staff as we made changes to the nursery. I don’t have a leaving date as of yet, but I will endeavor to keep you all in the loop and ensure as smooth a transition as possible.

**Kind Regards,**

Kat Connelly (Head of Nursery)