

April 2016

Dear Parent/Guardian,

We would like to welcome you back after the Easter holidays and hope you all had a nice break.

We have some upcoming events that may be of interest.

#### Babysitting

We plan on hosting a babysitting evening on the last Friday of the month from 6-10pm to provide parents the opportunity to go to the cinema, avail of an early bird meal etc. The cost is €20 for a child or €25 per family. Children are invited to come in their pyjamas and enjoy a movie and some fun. If this would be something that would interest you, let us know. It is vital that you book in advance. It is even more vital that the children are collected by 10pm as the success of the scheme is that parents get a night out but the staff get home at a reasonable hour. All funds raised will be used to purchase the new equipment for the garden.

#### Quiz Night

Last June, some of our parents organised a quiz night for us. The money raised from this was put towards the building of toilets in ABCD's garden and the roof in the garden in Iona. Due to the success of the quiz night, some of our parents have kindly offered to organise another one. We are thinking of some evening in May, we will keep you posted!

#### Theatre

We are delighted to announce that we have taken on the theatre in ABCD. This will give us more space for the afterschool children. We will be putting in a new door which will provide us with direct access to the garden. To celebrate the opening of the theatre the children will perform a concert in conjunction with Tempo Music School. The date will be some evening in May.

#### Garden

We plan to cover half of the garden so that we can use it whatever the weather. We will also install a water play area, sand house, swing slide and mud kitchen. Oh and the hens are making a come back!

#### Puppet Making

There is a fantastic puppet maker in ABCD. He has offered to run puppet making classes at no cost for any parents who would be interested in the art of puppet making. Anyone who would like to get involved, let me know.

#### Knitters

Many thanks to all those who knitted for us. We hope that you will like the end product which will be on view on the ABCD fence.

### Dinners

The dinners are going really well and both the children and staff are enjoying them! If anyone has any comments or suggestions, please let us know.

### Hello and Goodbye!

Our afterschool leader, Cillian in ABCD had finished up with us. He is gone to teach in the UK. We wish him the best of luck and will miss him! We would like to extend a warm welcome to Lisa and David. Lisa comes from a music and drama background, we look forward to seeing her many talents in action! David an expert musician with a particular interest in the cello.

### Collections

Please text Claire on 086 858 1297 by Monday morning for collections requirements as this is when the schedule is made. It is vital that you let us know as soon as possible regarding any changes or cancellations to collections to avoid any confusion.

### Art Class

Simona has started up Art and Craft classes for children in Iona every Saturday morning from 10-11.30am and 11.45-1.15pm. To book call Simona 086 326 4537

### Summer Camp

We will be running a summer camp during July and August for full and half days.

### Ideas/Comments

As always we welcome any comments (good or bad) that would help us improve our service to you and most importantly your children.

Yours Sincerely,

Nessa McNamara