

# MAUREEN'S PRESCHOOL *Easter News 2016*

Maureen, Nicola, Barbara  
and Sam would like to  
wish you all a  
Happy Easter.



Parents are welcome to discuss with the  
Preschool team any issues, problems or  
suggestions that they may have in  
relation to the Preschool.

## Spring Curriculum

We are currently working on our spring curriculum e.g. nature, art, songs and rhymes. The children's abilities to do the alphabet, numbers and colours both in English and Irish have improved significantly. We have new Irish words each week as part of the curriculum. We are concentrating also on the children's social, motor and listening skills. The listening skills are particularly important as preparation for big school.

**Fun Time – Dressing up for St. Patrick's Day**

**Green Day Party**

The children are planting vegetables that they will take home to you for dinner before the summer break. It is part of our nature curriculum. Hopefully they will grow OK. Otherwise there will be a dash up to SuperValu in June to buy a crate of lettuce, which will have to be stuck into our container. It will be magic when they suddenly appear grown overnight – a bit like Jack and the magic beans!



## **Preparing for School**

When we return after Easter, we will be doing a lot of work preparing the children for starting "Big School" e.g. talk about school, more independence in the bathroom, putting coats on and off, opening their own lunch boxes, wearing uniforms and the importance of listening. The children will bring a book home to you to read a story to them about starting school. The book is passed around the group.

# MAUREEN'S Preschool Easter News

We have had to close our waiting list since October for the September 2016 ECCE Groups. One of our groups is full for September 2017. The other group has only a few places left.

During crafts, the children prepared Easter Rabbit Masks (can you spot me?), Easter Baskets (filled with the best of Maureen's homemade chocolates), Easter Chicks and painted Easter pictures. The children also made crafts for St. Patrick's Day and Mother's Day



Your child continues to work on their yearly book (filled by now with Halloween, Autumn and Christmas crafts). Their work now mainly centres around Spring and Easter. They will bring this book home at the end of the Preschool year. 2 of 3 formal observation of your child's development have already been taken. You will have received a copy of these observations. If there is any cause for concern, we will immediately alert you.

## Warning

I have organised an outing for the children to Newgrange Farm on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> June. Please try to ensure your child is available for the trip on that day.



Before Easter we:

- Had an Easter Egg Hunt
- The children received their Easter baskets (which they made and painted) full of homemade chocs

## *Easter Rhymes We Learned*

"On Easter Sunday morning  
Rabbits do appear  
With baskets full of Easter Eggs  
And then they disappear  
When the children wake up  
They shout with happy glee  
Look at all the Easter Eggs  
The Easter Bunny left for  
me me me me me me me me me me"

Plus

Little Peter Rabbit  
In a Cottage in the Wood  
The Easter Bunny is Coming

As we are rapidly heading towards summer (we hope) the children will be outdoors in our play area more frequently. On a sunny day, PLEASE, PLEASE ensure that your child is well protected with sunscreen before Preschool.



3<sup>rd</sup> June:  
June:

27<sup>th</sup> June:

## Dates to Note

Outing to Farm  
Sports Day  
Teddy Bears Picnic  
Last Day and Graduation Ceremony

