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What’s the buzz in April?



Spring has sprung in Holy Child Nursery Unit and we are really looking forward to better weather and plenty more outdoor play in Nursery.

As we approach our final term in Nursery, we will be sending home our Early Writer’s packs with the children’s books on a Tuesday as well as Language Tips with our newsletters.

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**Monthly Theme**

The topic for this month will be ***Spring on the Farm,*** in particular we will be learning the signs of spring and baby animals. Our shape is an **oval** this month and our colour is **purple**.

*Ideas for home:*

* Why not go on a spring walk? Point out the new growth on trees, spring flowers, baby lambs and bird’s nests.
* Continue to make a conscious effort to spend at least five – ten minutes with your child each day, reading stories, using their Early Writers pack, playing their weekly game.
* Talk to your child about the various farm animals; discuss sizes, animal signs, names and babies. Promote children’s thinking skills by asking questions, such as who takes care of the farm animals? How? What do they do?
* Help your child to draw or paint farm animals at home
* Why not try planting spring bulbs / seeds with your child at home?

Have a look at our Language Tips attached to help you with some topics to discuss with your child.

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**Family Project**

We are extending our family project in April this year to give our families a chance to complete their spring flower. This can be done however you like and can be as colourful as possible. Our family projects help to brighten up our Nursery corridor.

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**Transition Programme**

Starting from Tuesday 16th April, our Transition Programme will run for two days a week. This is for those children who have applied to Holy Child Primary School for Primary 1. The children will stay in school until 2.00pm on **Tuesdays** and **Wednesdays**. Our Skills School sessions will continue on a Wednesday and the children will also get a chance every Tuesday to visit the P1 classrooms to become familiar with their new surroundings.









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***Early Writers Packs***

This term, you will receive this Early Writers Pack with your child’s library book. We are hoping that these activities will encourage our children to hold their markers/pencils correctly and give them lots of practise with their pencil grip. Each week, there will be simple lines and drawings for your child to trace over. We ask that you only use the **dry wipe marker** provided.

Please spend time to complete these activities with your child as this will greatly benefit them when they start to write in Primary 1.

**April School Trip**

Our April school trip will a spring walk around the community, ending in Creggan Play Park.

This will take place on Friday 26th April, weather depending and we ask that all children have a coat with them on this day.

**Extended Nursery Day**

Our Transition Programme will run for two days a week from the first week back after Easter. This is for those children who have applied to Holy Child Primary School for Primary 1. From **Tuesday 26th April**, the children will stay in school until 2.00pm on **Tuesdays** and **Wednesdays**. Ryan from Maiden City Soccer will continue doing fundamental movement and the children will also get a chance every week to visit the P1 classrooms to become familiar with their new surroundings.



**Parent/Grandparent Helpers**

As we are approach the better weather, we would love to have our garden area full in bloom. We are asking for any parents or grandparents who can help with gardening to give us a hand to weed and replant or flowerbeds with our children. If you can help, please speak to your class teacher.

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 **Important dates for your diary**

***8th April*** *– School reopens after Easter break*

***16th April –*** *Tuesday and Wednesday Transition Programme*

***26th April*** *– Spring Walk*

***6th May*** *–* School closed for May Day.

**Nursery Birthdays**

Happy birthday to all the boys and girls who celebrate their birthdays in the month of April!

***7th – Aria Mc Laughlin***

***29th – Cian Mc Gilloway Thompson***

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