**Dates to Remember : Tuesday 29th, 30th March Wednesday 20th, Thursday 21st April nursery closed due to Industrial action Mid Term / Public Holidays** The nursery will close on Friday 1st April and re-open on Tuesday 19th April for all our term time children. Our 52 week children will be off on Friday 15th April (Good Friday) and Monday 18th April (Easter Monday).

**Easter Party**We will be having our Easter party on Thursday 31st March. This year the children will make Easter Head bands so no need for parents to make hats. If the children would like to wear something green or yellow for the party that would also be great. We are hoping the Easter Bunny might also visit the nursery.

**Sun Hats/Sun Cream** As the weather improves please can we ask that you bring in a sunhat for your child. As we have 135 children attend the

centre we would like to ask parents to pay £2 and we will buy Nursery sun cream for the children Factor 50. If your child has any allergies or you would like to provide your own cream please let us know.

**Tea, Toast and Talk.** Angela, from the Sunshine Room will re-start our Parents Support Group on the last Tuesday of each month. The first meeting is Tuesday 26th April from 9.30am-10.30am. See you there!

**Nursery Garden**We are very lucky at Pikeman to have such a fantastic garden which the children and staff developing over the past few weeks. The under 3’s have also moved their mud kitchen and added some loose parts resources.In our 3-5 garden we have started work on our sensory path/moved our mud kitchen/ created a digging area where the children can freely dig with spades and forks.

We also recently had a ******visit from Stramash Outdoor Nurseries who worked alongside staff and children to prepare the willow dome for summer.

**** We are involved in a joint garden project with children and staff from Knightswood Primary School to develop their Rainbow Garden at the school. Visits will start after the Easter Break

**Learning for Sustainability**The children and staff have been very busy learning all about Recycling and Global goals. It is very important that the children become aware of how to care for their environment. We are currently looking for more parents/carers to join our Eco committee. We would like to hold a meeting after the Easter Break to discuss future projects. If you are interested please speak to a member of the management team.

**Placement Times** Please can we ask you to stick to your agreed placement times? It is really important that children arrive and leave at the correct times in order for us to maintain appropriate staff/child ratios.

**Transition Programme** The initial meetings with our feeder primary schools have taken place. We will issue a Transition Calendar of events after the Easter break. Due to the high numbers of children moving to Corpus Christi in August there will be 2 Transition Information Evenings for parents. Monday 25th April- Corpus Christi Parents only. Tuesday 26th April for all parents whose children are transitioning to other primary schools. Both meetings will be from 6pm-7.30pm in the nursery. Although some restrictions are being lifted we can only have parents in attendance. If you require any further information please speak to Gail or Lauren.

**Daily Mile** As part of our Health and Well Being programme, some of our children will be taking part in the daily Mile Challenge. It supports their physical, mental, social and emotional development. There’s no need to warm up, no set up, and no tidy-up straight outside and off they go!

**Graduations**  We have provisionally pencilled in Graduation dates for our children that are transitioning to Primary School in August. The dates are Tuesday 17th May and Thursday 19th May. More information to follow. Venue is still to be confirmed.

**Parent Phone Calls**Staff will be calling parents over the next few weeks to discuss the children’s progress We will inform you of your child’s date and time.

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**Communication** At Pikeman we communicate with parents /carers in a variety of ways:Newsletters/Hand-outs, Information Boards/Group call and our Twitter account. If you feel there are any other ways of communicating please let us know.

**C:\Users\mm2163838\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Windows\Temporary Internet Files\Content.IE5\269Z9J4A\MC900149565[1].wmfParents Survey**Please find attached a copy of the replies from our recent parent’s survey. We value your comments and suggestions as to how we can improve the quality of our service. We have already introduced the following: Staff now have communication boards in both our 3-5 playrooms so that they can record any important information that will be passed onto parents no matter what shift staff are on. Lauren and Lindsay are also in the process of setting up See Saw app for parents.

If you would like anything included in our Newsletter please speak to Gail.