

# Spring Newsletter

Katrina's Childminding Services

## Announcements

Please make a note in your diaries that I will be on holiday from **4<sup>th</sup> April 2009** until **11<sup>th</sup> April 2009** inclusive, where we shall be having a much deserved break on the Isle of Mull and shall be visiting Balamory.

## Easter Holiday Period

We hope you all have a wonderful Easter Break. Could you please let me know your holiday cover requirements for the 2<sup>nd</sup> week of the Easter Holiday period as soon as possible bearing in mind that I am away the first week of the holiday.

## Mother's Day

Just a little reminder that Mother's Day is the 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2009

## Easter Make and Do Ideas

Why not try the following with your children if you are taking time off over Easter.

**Handmade Easter Cards** – take an A4 sheet of paper and fold in half then half it again for form the shape of a card. Decorate with odds and ends.

**Chocolate Bird Nests** – Melt some cooking chocolate over a pan of hot water (parents job) and mix in some cornflakes or rice crispies. Spoon into fairy cake papers and add mini chocolate eggs on top. Allow to set before eating.

**Decorate an Easter Egg** – Buy a cheap Easter Egg and decorate it with readymade piping icing (available from most supermarkets)

**Easter Egg Hunt** – Buy some Cream Eggs and while the children are not looking hide them around the garden if its a nice day then have the children search for them.

## Inspection

I am due to be inspected by the Care Commission sometime in the next few weeks. An update will be issued after the inspection.

## School Holidays

The schools will be on holiday on the following dates for the Easter Period:

**Monday 06 April 2009 to Friday 17 April 2009 (inclusive)**

## Spring is in the Air

The snowdrops, crocus and daffodils are all sprouting nicely and gives us hope that winter is coming to an end even though the weather seems to have a different opinion at the moment. It is that time of year again for the annual spring cleans and we are no different here. The decking has now been jet washed thoroughly in preparation for the children playing in the rear garden. All we need now is some nice warm dry weather. Over the next few weeks the large outdoor play equipment will receive the same deep clean treatment.

## Easy Mother's Day Breakfast Treat for Mum

\*\*\* Adult Supervision Required \*\*\*

### **Luxury Bacon Sandwich**

2 Slices of Bread  
2 Rashers of Bacon  
Grated Cheese  
Butter

Method

Grill the bacon until thoroughly cooked.

Lightly spread the butter on one slice of bread and add the bacon. Add the second slice of bread on top and top with grated cheese.

Grill until the cheese has melted. Serve.

### **Boiled Egg and Soldiers**

1 Egg  
1 Slice of Bread  
Butter

Method

Boil the egg in water for approximately 6 minutes, drain and add to egg cup. Toast the bread and spread with butter, cut into soldiers. Serve