

Wanborough Playgroup

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NEWSLETTER JANUARY 2014

Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy New Year! Our news following the Christmas break....

Staff News

I am very sad to tell you all the Jo Triggs will be leaving us on 21st January. Jo has accepted a job at another pre-school nearer to her home where she will be working 5 mornings a week. We wish Jo all the very best and thank her for all her hard work while she has been with us. If you would like to contribute to her leaving present, please hand to Sarah or Tracey.

Jumble Sale

Our annual Jumble Sale is being held on Saturday, 25th January. This is a big fund raiser for us and we really need your help. Sign-up sheets are already up on the Notice Board. Each sheet has time slots allocated to each day for volunteers to help with sorting jumble and/or selling & cleaning up. Please write your name next to the time slot you would like to help with. Any help offered is always appreciated – thank you.

Friday 24 th January	12noon – 9pm	Pre-sale sorting
Saturday 25 th January	8.00am–10.45am	Pre-sale sorting
	11am-1:30pm	Jumble Sale
	1:30-4pm	After sale clean up

We need to get any left over jumble down to Greenbridge after the sale. Would you be willing to take a car load down or do you know anyone with a van who could help. Please let us know if you can help with this.

In the meanwhile could we also ask if you could have a rummage and sort out anything you would like to donate. Your jumble can be let at Playgroup from 12.00pm on Friday, 24th. Jumble should be left at the front door please.

Have you got any carrier bags or cardboard boxes that you don't need. If so please bring in to Playgroup as we will need them on the day!

Visitors/Visits

This term we are having Zumba sessions on alternate Wednesdays and Thursdays each week. This will give lots more Playgroup children the opportunity to experience this fun and exciting activity. The dates are: Wednesday: 15th, 29th January & 12th February and Thursday: 9th and 23rd January & 6th February.

We will also be visiting the library bus on: 8th and 22nd January and 5th February.

What are we up to?

This term we are focusing on the following areas of the Early Years Foundation Stage:-

- "Managing Feelings and Behaviour" where we will be using our emotions puppets and books to talk about how we feel and how we should treat our friends
- "Speaking" where we will be performing puppet shows and re-telling stories (using our story sacks)
- "Moving and Handling" where we will explore the lovely play equipment in the play park as well as using one-handed tools in the Messy Area
- "Reading" where we will be looking at how to handle books and thinking about the start, middle and end of stories
- "Mathematics" – where we will be using our compare bears to sort by size and do lots of counting.
- "Technology" – where we will be practicing operating items such as: CD Player, tills, walkie talkies, remote control cars and letter tiles
- "Exploring and Using Media and Materials" where we will be joining in with dancing, ring games and Zumba. We will also be experimenting with mixing paint.

This is just a small sample of what we are doing this term. Our termly topic web can be viewed on our planning board, in the cloakroom and on the website

Childcare Vouchers

A quick reminder that we accept Childcare Vouchers – please contact Sam Glennerster (Treasurer) if you would like further details. Sam's contact information can be found on your invoice.

Gate

Can we please ask that you ensure the gate is shut properly (at drop off and pick up time). It has been left open by parents/carers on a number of occasions. Luckily the children did not get out and onto the road but please could you take an extra 5 seconds to ensure the clip is in place. The gate is locked during each session.

Start & Finish Time

The door is open at **9.00am** (Playgroup Start Time). From **9.00-9.15am** we operate an 'Open Door Policy' whereby you can settle your child and talk to staff about any queries/concerns you might have. Please can we ask that if you need to settle your child that you arrive no later than **9.10am**.

Playgroup ends at **12.00 noon and 1.00pm** (if your child stays on for lunch). Please ensure you are at Playgroup at the time your child finishes, it can be distressing for children when their parent/carer is not there to pick them up.

What does my child need for Playgroup?

Every child needs to have the following at Playgroup:-

- Suitable clothing for the weather
ie. coat, hat, gloves, wellies, jumper for inside the hall

- Bag containing:
 - Spare clothes (pants, socks, jumper, trousers)
 - Pull-ups, wipes (if you child isn't potty trained)

If you have any of Playgroups clothes at home please can you return them as soon as possible.

Show and Tell

The staff will do their best to ensure that items brought in are kept safe but items should be **named** and if they are special they should be handed to a member of staff. Where possible, we would prefer that guns, swords and items of a 'violent' nature are not brought in to Playgroup.

Rhyme Bags

We have a number of "rhyme" bags stored in the cloakroom. They are a great resource for you to use. Each bag focuses on a particular rhyme and contains: books, games, props etc. If you would like to take one home please see a member of staff who will show you how to sign them out.

Wanted

Our spare clothes supply is running very low as often clothes are not returned to Playgroup. If you have any leggings or trousers, socks or underwear that no longer fit your child we would be very happy to receive them.

If you have any questions about any of the above and anything else, do not hesitate to contact us.

With thanks,

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Jo Galt (Publicity Officer)

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