

Wanborough Playgroup

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NEWSLETTER MARCH 2014

Dear Parents and Carers,

Here is the Pre-Easter update from Playgroup...

Jumble Sale

After much rummaging, sorting and selling the Playgroup Jumble Sale raised a whopping **£810!** A great big thank you to all those who helped sort (what a challenge it was!) and all those who helped to sell and clear away – we could not have done it without you! Not forgetting all those who spent money at the sale itself – thank you.

Sports Relief

This year Playgroup would like to support Sports Relief, by asking those children attending Playgroup Friday 21st March to wear something red. We will be running a sports morning! We would ask for donation from parents of £1 per child which would go directly to Sports Relief

Onesie Wednesday – 2nd April

Are you prepared to be different? We are supporting the National Autistic "Onesie Wednesday" where we want to show that it's OK to be different! We hope that you will all support this wonderful cause where we will be coming to Playgroup in our onesies or our pyjamas to show everyone that it's ok to be different! Donations to the National Autistic Society would be very much appreciated.

Easter Event – Saturday, 5th April – Easter Egg Hunt – Village Hall 2 – 4:30pm. Can you solve the clues and help the Easter Bunny find his eggs? Win a chocolate egg if you can! Once you've helped the Easter Bunny, try out some of the other Egg-citing Easter Games! Including Easter biscuit decoration, Easter cards, Easter tattoos and many more. Refreshments available.

Playgroup Outing

The Playgroup Outing will be taking place on **Thursday, 22nd May**. Our destination this year is still to be confirmed. All children who attend Playgroup are invited – even if Thursday is not one of their playgroup days. A letter detailing the trip will be sent out nearer the day.

Auction – Saturday, 12th July

Please put this date in your diary! We will be holding an auction with items donated by local businesses and then finishing the evening with a disco. If you know of anyone who might like to donate to this event please talk to: Ali Petherbridge, Jo Galt, Sarah Ingram or Tracey Garton.

What have we been doing so far this term?

This term we are focussing on shapes. We will be looking at 2D and 3D shapes. We will be looking at shapes in the environment. We have an interest table with lots of different shapes on it and we will be playing games to identify shapes such as: shape hunt, musical shapes, shape dominoes to name a few.

The children are learning to be independent with everything from: going to the toilet and washing our hands, putting on/taking off our coats and remembering where we have put our belongings. Please can you help us by letting your child take off their own coat and finding their peg, carrying in their own lunchbag and finding their name for self-registration.

With lots of children having an interest in "People who help us" we have dug out lots of dressing up and props to help us develop our imaginative play i.e. medical bags.

Visitors

The children continue to enjoy our weekly Zumba sessions (on alternate Wednesdays and Thursdays). Zumba. The children are really enjoying this activity and hopefully showing off what they have learnt at home!

Diary Dates:

Friday, 21st March – Sports Relief

Wednesday, 2nd April – Onesie Wednesday –to Support National Autistic Society

Thursday, 22nd May: Annual Trip

Wednesday, 11th June: Sports Day

Saturday, 12th July – Auction Evening

Friday, 18th July – Leavers presentation and party

Leavers Photograph

Each year we take a photo of all the children who will be moving onto School. With this in mind, please can you let us know of any holidays you have booked in June. We can then arrange a date that will suit most children. The photo is usually taken at 9.15am.

Reminders.....

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.

Registering for Playgroup

We have limited spaces for the rest of our playgroup year (ending in July) and spaces are filling up very quickly for the following year. If you want to add spaces or register a younger sibling for either our Two's Group or for our morning sessions please contact us on: 790428 or by email: wanboroughplaygroup@hotmail.co.uk.

Gate

Can we please ask that you ensure the gate is shut properly? It has been left open 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. We ring bells (shown with an amber circle) around 9.10am which signifies that "soon we will be sitting down for circle time". This is followed by a tambourine (shown with a red circle) to signify that children should stop playing and sit down for circle time. We would ask that all parents/carers leave when the bells are shaken so that we can lock the gate promptly at 9.15am and start our morning registration.

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. We understand that sometimes you may be delayed – if this happens please telephone Playgroup so that we can explain to your child why you are going to be late.

Non Attendance

If your child will not be attending for a session please can you phone Playgroup to let us know. For longer periods of absence i.e. holidays please tell your key person so they can put the dates in our diary.

What does my child need for 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 your child isn't potty trained)

Show and Tell

Show and tell items should be put in the basket on the stage when your child arrives. 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.

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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