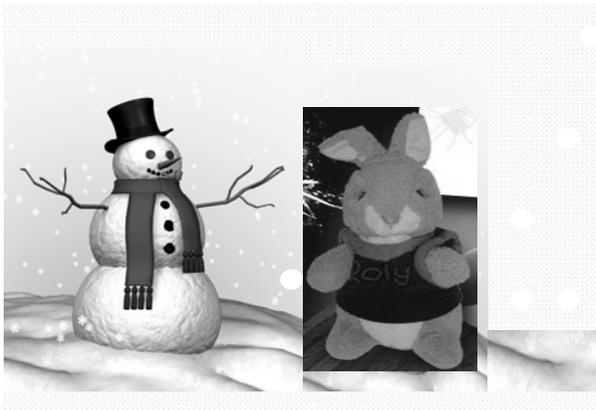
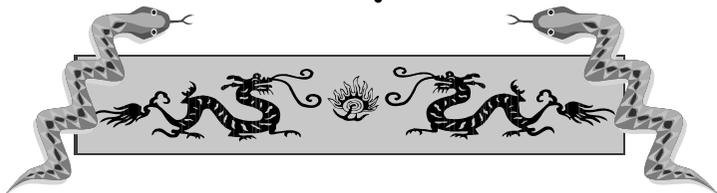




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A HAPPY
NEW YEAR

Welcome Back

Welcome back to everybody after the Christmas break. We hope you had a good time and wish everyone a Happy New Year. We are settling back into our routines and enjoying hearing about the Children's holiday experiences.

What We've Been Up To...



We have already been busy in the first few weeks of the half-term and the recent snow brought some fantastic opportunities to explore the great outdoors. Some lovely snowmen pictures, inspired by our play, are on display in the main room.



We have also spent time looking at winter clothing and playing pattern matching games.



To help our feathered friends, we have made some bird feeders for the Playgroup garden and to take home.

As usual, we have also continued our exploration of the Letters and Sounds programme looking, amongst others, at the letter J for January.



Notes

Just a quick reminder to everyone to try to ensure that children are sent to Preschool in the morning with warm / waterproof clothing in their bags. We still like to go out and explore, whatever the weather so warm coats, hats, scarves and gloves and a pair of wellies are really handy as, whilst we have spares of some items, children often feel more comfortable in their own things.

We would also like to ask that if anybody has any spare / outgrown hats, gloves or waterproof trousers / suits if they would consider donating them to us to build up our stock of spares.

Mobile Phones

In line with current policy, legislation and guidance regarding Safeguarding, could we please request that any parents, guardians or visitors to the Playgroup refrain from using mobile phones in the main room. Your help in this is appreciated.



Term Dates and Openings



The last session of the first Spring Half Term will be on

In the future we are considering hosting a retro 80s night and disco for the "young at heart" and an afternoon disco (with a fancy dress theme) for the (true) youngsters of the village so keep your eyes open for dates to be announced.

When the weather gets warmer we are also hoping to rekindle another tradition in the form of a treasure hunt followed by a BBQ / family picnic (something I can remember enjoying in my childhood).

We are also in need of some high quality suits for use in outdoor play to maximise the children's experiences outside. These are quite expensive but can be worn easily over coats / other clothing, will last a number of years and will be well used by the children all year round (our Great British Summer ensures we have plenty of water / mud to deal with). Therefore, we will be holding a sponsored event in the near future to help raise funds to purchase these items.



Finally



Please remember that we are still collecting Nestlé's Box Tops for Schools to boost our book collection so we would be grateful for any tokens you have. Also, a big thank you to Ella Knight for all her hard work on the fantastic new information leaflet which she has designed for us. We can't wait to see it in final production.



its live format (that can be accessed through search sites). It will provide links to our newsletters, information about upcoming events and useful links to other resources. If you would like to have a look at the site in its current format (some final adjustments may need to be made, as always with new ventures,) then visit www.hadnallpreschool.org.uk.

Fundraising



We are looking to hold a number of fundraising events for Preschool in the near future (dates are still to be confirmed in some cases).

Firstly, we aim to hold an Easter Fair and Table Top sale on March 16th in the Village Hall. This should provide the perfect opportunity to have a bit of a clear out after Christmas as we will have White Elephant, Book, Toy / Games and Nearly New Clothes stalls. It will also give an opportunity for people to meet up as the weather (hopefully) begins to warm up over an, always deserved, cup of tea and slice of cake. This year's event may also prove a trip down memory lane for some and a chance to be initiated into Hadnall's past for others as we are hoping to resurrect Mr Icke's Beetle Drive!



Friday 15th February. We will return for the second half term on Monday February 25th at the usual time.

Coming Soon...

In the next few weeks we will be exploring, among many other things,



Burns Night: (25th January 2013). A look at traditional Scottish dress, making

shortbread and tasting Scottish Tablet.



Pancake Day: (12th / 8th February). Making pancakes and investigating Lent traditions.



Chinese New Year: (10th / 13th February). Exploring Chinese New Year and the Year of the Black Water Snake. Tasting food from China.



Valentine's Day: (14th / 15th February). Cards and chocolate making.

We also hope to visit the Library bus, use the larger play equipment / cars and make lots of use of "the great outdoors".



Going World Wide

In the very near future our fantastic new website, created by the very talented David Bebb, should be up and running in