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## Newsletter ~ March / April 2014



### Welcome, welcome, welcome

It is wonderful to see yet more new faces joining us at Playgroup. We hope you are all settling in and having fun. If there are any other families you know who are looking for childcare then point them in our direction and we will be more than happy to give them more information. We can also offer help with accessing funding through Shropshire Council's 24U scheme.

### Training

Holly and Sally have now completed their Food Hygiene certificates which are valid for three years.



### What We've Been Up To...

What haven't we done?

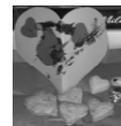
We have visited the library van and picked lots of wonderful new books.

We have played on the Park and in our outdoor area, been for walks and run round the paths on the Church Field.

We have made bunting ready for the Easter Fair.

We have danced, played games and done some yoga.

We have made chocolates, pink shortbread and cards for Valentine's Day.



We have celebrated Chinese New Year, made Year of the Horse inspired items and tasted Chinese food.



We have explored Healthy Eating, parts of our bodies, exercise and how people live with disabilities.

We have explored the way the seasons are changing and Spring - taking trips around Hadnall to see the new lambs and take photographs of the emerging flowers. Thank you to Harmesh and sue at the shop for donating some extra plants that we have been able to put in the beds.

We have looked at letters and sounds, specifically l for lamb and m for mum and made lambs for our windows and tummies.



We decided to go Old Skool this year with our Mothers' Day presents and had lots of fun threading pasta to make necklaces.



We have also looked at the Sikh festival of Hola Mohalla which is a festival of military discipline and keeping fit / showing fitness.

We were all really, really good at completing an assault course to show how brave we are. Finally, we explored the Hindu Spring festival of Holi. We listened to the story of

Prahlad and Holika and then had our own version of the phenomenon which sweeps the streets of India during the celebration. We made cut outs of two of the children and threw coloured paint and water at them (we thought it may be a bit much to throw it at each other?).

### Coming Up...

We will be looking at the traditions of Easter and its story.



We will be exploring the outside environment and starting to think about planting seeds for our garden.

### Term Dates and Openings



We will finish for the Easter holidays with our final session being held on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> April.

We will return for the Summer Term on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> April.

### Fundraising

We are holding an Easter Fayre on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> April and will be visited by Peppa Pig who will meet and greet the children (and adults). Any help that can be offered will be gratefully received (donations of cakes, chocolate, White Elephant, time etc...) and please let friends and relations know where they can go to spend a good time and have fun next weekend.



Remember to enter the decorated egg / Easter bonnet competitions that will be judged on the day.



Get in training ready for the next Frog Race Night to be held in the Village Hall on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> May. A hilarious night and a chance to challenge friends and family to see who's the top hopper! More information about tickets to be released nearer to the time but pencil it into your diary ... one not to miss!

### Sport Relief

Thank you to everyone for making donations towards Sports Relief.

The winning fleece design for Timmy was "Rainbow" and was won by Archie Harrison.



### Photographs

We have had our annual visit from Finlay's Photography and have seen some beautiful pictures as a result.

We received £60 in commission and decided to purchase a large copy of the group photograph with some of these funds. This will soon be framed and hung in the main room.

### Illnesses

We have become aware that not everyone is strictly observing the 48 hour exclusion rule after their child has been sick.



Our policy asks that children do not return to Playgroup until a full 48 hours have passed since the last time they were sick or had a loose bowel movement. This is designed to protect both the other children under our care and the staff. Staffing levels and other work commitments may mean that the whole Playgroup is forced to shut should members of staff become ill which would cause inconvenience to many. Bugs pass around so very quickly ... please don't help give them an easy time! Please also double check with us that we have up to date contact details just in case we do have to call someone as a result of illness.



### Notes

Hopefully we will soon have a new addition to our outdoor play area.

Emily has sourced and is now painting a board that we can use as a large chalk board for mark making. She is just hoping for a few more sunny days to be able to get a good finish when spray painting.

### Finally

Enjoy the Easter holidays ... hope nobody drives each other hopping mad and that the Easter bunny hides lots of little chocolate treats for you to find. I, for one, am looking forward to Lent being over - I had not realised how long 40 days without chocolate, biscuits, sweets, crisps and cake would seem!

