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Newsletter ~ October 2014



Is It October Already?

The time has flown by since we started in September. We have had a few new faces joining us and everybody is settling in nicely. We still have plenty of spaces for others to join us. If there is anyone you know who has a child approaching, or who is already, two years old and who is looking for a quality, friendly childcare option then point them our way. We can give them more information and arrange for them to have a look around and a taster session.

We can also offer help with accessing funding through Shropshire Council's 24U scheme which allows eligible children of 2 years old up to 15 hours of free childcare.

What We've Been Up To...

We have celebrated Roly's birthday and made him cards and a cake.

We went for a walk to pick blackberries then made pear, apple and blackberry crumble.



We looked at Autumn and the letters L for leaf and C for Conker. We made leaf prints and a giant tree number line as well as counting and weighing conkers. We celebrated Harvest by looking at the story of the Little Red Hen, baking bread, singing songs about tractors and making a picture of all the things we would like to harvest.

We have been for lots of walks to look at how the village is changing as the

season moves on. We have also planted some bulbs in the community garden ready for the Spring.

Remember to check out our website for regular updates about our activities.

Coming Up...

We will be investigating different types of shops and shopping, looking at Bonfire Night and Diwali and talking about Remembrance Day.

Our Star System

We are still running our star system to celebrate the achievements and likes of our superstars. Stars are available both upstairs and downstairs so help yourself. Let us know about things your child has done or the things they enjoy doing or playing with. Feedback from home allows us to tailor our planning to fit the children and their interests even more.



Training

Sally and Holly are soon to update their First Aid training.



Term Dates and Openings

Our last session of this half term will be on Thursday 23rd October and Playgroup will be closed on Friday 24th in line with the LA's PD Day. We will start the new half term on Monday 3rd November. We will then finish for Christmas on 19th December.

Opening Times

Just a quick reminder of our session times (each session being 2 and a half hours):

Monday: 9.15 - 11.45 (12.45 with lunch club).

Wednesday: 9.15 - 11.45 (12.30 with lunch club) then 12.30 - 3pm.

Thursday: 9.15 - 11.45 (12.45 with lunch club).

Friday: 9.15 - 11.45 (12.30 with lunch club) then 12.30 - 3pm.

Activities such as cooking, craft or outdoor play are usually planned for each session in order to enhance the children's learning.

These are often scheduled after registration at 9.15 for the morning session and we would ask that children can, if at all possible, arrive on time so they don't miss out. Prompt collection at the end of a session also allows us to share information about your child's day and gives staff adequate time to prepare for the next session.



Fundraising

Thank you to everyone who helped or came to support our jumble sale earlier this term. We made a fantastic amount on the day and were able to top it up a little by taking surplus items to the clothes recycling shop.

We will be holding our (whisper) Christmas Fayre on Saturday 29th November. More details will be given nearer the time but this is a great opportunity to find a few bits and pieces, visit the big man

himself and have a drink and festive nibble whilst helping us to boost our funds so mark it in your diary and start letting friends and family know asap.

Playgroup Community Garden



The area of the community garden adopted by Playgroup is developing nicely with paths and log seats being sited (some work is still to be finished). The plants are starting to settle in and should, hopefully, mature nicely. There have already been some bees and butterflies spotted during the warmer days and we are hopeful that this will provide a valuable learning environment. If anyone has any spare butterfly-friendly plants or a few minutes to help keep on top of the weeds let us know as both will be gratefully accepted.



Winter Clothes

The weather has certainly changed all of a sudden with gusty winds and pouring rain descending upon us. We have a plentiful supply of wellington boots that we can kit children out in and our fantastic all-in-one waterproof suits. However, we would ask that all children come to Preschool with warm jumpers and coats and hats or scarves.

We go out in all weathers and keeping children warm and comfortable will aid their learning and experience.

AGM

The Playgroup committee will be holding their AGM on



Tuesday 21st October at 7.30pm. You will have your chance to share your ideas about the way Preschool can move forward and listen to information that is already in the pipeline. There are usually drinks and nibbles available and everybody is welcome (Mums, Dads, Grannies and Grandpas alike).

If, afterwards, you would like to join the committee and help us to keep Playgroup a thriving organisation you can stay on for our normal meeting.



Notes

Please can all parents / guardians ensure that contact details and medical / allergy information for children are up to date and that we are notified of any changes to mobile phone numbers etc...

Remember to check your child's registration pocket on a regular basis (where they put their name with their photograph on entry to Playgroup) as this is where we will put copies of letters / important information to go home.

Finally

We would like to request that children are discouraged from bringing in toys or items of value from home to Preschool. This is to avoid the distress caused if an item the child values is left behind at the end of the day or picked up and used by another child.

