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## Newsletter ~



# December 2014



### 'Tis the Season ...

It's Christmas!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Well, nearly ...

It has been a long first term but an immensely enjoyable one that has zoomed past unbelievably quickly.

We have welcomed a number of new children to Playgroup and they have all settled in fabulously, bringing some real character and fun to our sessions. We look forward to watching them grow and develop with us.

We still have spaces in sessions for more children and can help people to access funding through Shropshire Council's 24U scheme which allows eligible children aged 2 years up to 15 hours of free childcare (standard funding from age three is also available). If you know anyone else who is looking for childcare give them our details and we will be happy to show them around.

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



We had a wonderfully educational visit from Edd the Paramedic who showed us around his ambulance and told us all about the important work that he does. Bandages were applied and some children rode up and down on the stretcher.

We have investigated letters such as b, p and j (as well as many others).

We have read traditional tales and enjoyed completing activities linked to them such as playing with porridge or guessing items in a feely box.

We have been for walks and explorations around the village. My favourite being our Hansel and Gretel walk where one team laid a trail of bricks and the other had to follow it to find where they were hiding. It was soggy but we were all toggged up in our wellies and rain suits!

We looked at houses around the world and how people lived differently.

We have celebrated Diwali and looked at the story behind Bonfire Night.

We looked at some of the history behind Remembrance Day and dressed up as super heroes to raise money for Children in Need (more than one pair of pants was worn on the outside that day).

We have baked flapjack, visited the library bus, counted, played with the big cars and done even more things than I can list.

### Coming Up...

It's pretty much Christmas, Christmas, Christmas until the end of term. As well as investigating the Christmas Story ... Look out for a marzipan Jesus, sparkles and baubles coming your way.



### Our Star System

Please keep filling in those stars (available up and

downstairs) to let everyone know what amazing things your child is doing at home and what they are enjoying at the moment. We already know they are fabulous but do like to share their experiences from outside the setting so we can further tailor our planning to suit their interests.



### Christmas Play

This year, our play, Ten Little Christmas Trees, will be performed on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup>

December. Please drop children off at 9.15am and then join us for a mince pie and a drink whilst the children get changed into their costumes. The performance will start just after 9.30. Don't worry about costumes or props as they will all be provided.

The only thing that we do ask is that if you do take photographs or videos (which we are happy for you to do) that they are not posted on any social media sites / shared on the web. Should this happen we may have to take the unfortunate step of reviewing our policy for future events.

### Christmas Party

Our end of term party will be held on the afternoon of Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December and all children are welcome to attend this session even if they don't usually do so. We will start with a party lunch at midday (12), play party games and welcome Father Christmas to share presents and the Christmas Spirit. Packed lunch will



not be needed but a list will go up in the hall for you to offer a sweet / savoury for us all to share. The session will finish at 3 as usual.



### Visit to School

We have been invited to join Class One on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> December to watch the dress rehearsal of their Christmas Play Whoops-a-Daisy-Angel. We will meet, as usual, at Playgroup at 9.15, take the register and then walk down to Hadnall School. Children who don't usually attend Monday's session are welcome to join us with their parents. We will be back at the Village Hall before lunch.



### Term Dates and Openings

Our last session of this term will be on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December. We will start back for the Spring Term on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> January at the usual time of 9.15 am.

### Opening Times

We are open:

**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.



### Fundraising

A big, big thank you to all the people who supported our Christmas Fair

(before, after and during the event). We have yet to be told a final figure but first counts are putting it over the £500 mark which is just amazing.

### Policy Changes

It is with regret that we feel we have to take steps to amend our fees policy from the beginning of next term in relation to the late collection of children. There have been a number of significantly late collections and these have not always been accompanied with a phone call to inform us. Our staff are only paid until the end of the session and have other commitments, often involving childcare, which they have to honour. They are also unable to prepare for the next day as they would like to. The committee is in the process of finalising the details but a charge will be brought in for late collection of over 10 minutes after the session closes.



### Notes



Please can you let us know if the sessions you would like your child to attend will be the same next term. We are happy to change / accommodate more sessions to suit you. Also, should contact details change please inform us so we can update our records.

### Finally

We wish everyone a happy and joyful Christmas and look forward to seeing you in the New Year.

