



Sheriff Hutton pre-school Playgroup and Babies & Toddlers' Newsletter— Summer 2015 (2)



We hope this newsletter will be a helpful update on what's going on at Playgroup and Babies & Toddlers this Summer. Don't forget to look at our website <http://www.sheriff-hutton-playgroup.org/> which we try to keep up-to-date with events and other useful information for our families. Or if in doubt, just ask . . .

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Diary dates



- Mon 1st June:** Playgroup re-opens
- Thurs 4th June:** Health visitor at toddlers
- Fri 5th June:** Transition visit to school
- Fri 12th June:** Transition visit and library van visit
- Sun 14th June:** Scarecrow trail
- Thurs 18th June:** Toddlers special – at playgroup
- Fri 19th June:** Transition visit to school
- Tues 23rd June:** **AGM Highwayman 8pm ALL WELCOME**
- Fri 26th June:** Transition visit and library van visit
- Thurs 2nd July:** Health visitor at toddlers
- Mon 6th July:** Sports day at playgroup 2:20pm
- Fri 10th July:** Teddy bears' picnic 2:20pm
- Fri 17th July:** Playgroup breaks up for the summer holidays

Sun protection



Please remember the outdoor area is open to children for the majority of each day. We check bags daily and will reapply sun cream after lunch if you have sent any and it is sunny. Many children prefer to wear their own sunhat as opposed to playgroup ones. Please also remember to send your child with a named water bottle.

Playgroup and toddlers AGM

Playgroup and toddlers AGM will take place on Tuesday 23rd June at the Highwayman pub, at 8pm. All parents and carers are welcome to attend.

We already have people who have indicated that they would be willing to stand for key positions, but we need more ordinary members. Talk to staff members or current committee members if you'd like to know more, and look out for nomination sheets. As a committee member you have the opportunity to shape the direction and ethos of toddlers and playgroup. It's not all about fundraising!

Funded places

All 3 and 4 year olds and some two year olds are entitled to 15 hours of early years' education. It is easy to apply to use your funding with us. Please ask if you need to know more. If you are struggling to meet the cost of sessions please ask a member of staff or Gillian (treasurer) about subsidised places. Any enquiries are treated in strict confidence.

Toddlers at playgroup

On Thursday 18th June, for one session only, toddlers will move to the playgroup room. This will be a one off special so that toddlers have the opportunity to experience different toys and parents can see what playgroup has to offer. Playgroup staff will ensure that the room is toddler safe that morning. Please ask Margaret or Angela if you are unsure about the arrangements.

Sainsburys' vouchers

Please return any more Sainsburys' vouchers by Friday 5th June. Thank you.

Sports day and teddy bears' picnic



Playgroup sports day will take place at 2:20 on Monday 6th July. Our annual Teddy Bears' picnic will take place on Friday 10th July at 2:20. If you want your child to attend these events and this is not their normal session you are welcome to bring them and join in the fun, but we ask that you stay and help out during that time so that we remain within our legal ratios. Parents are invited to attend one or both of these events. If your child is leaving to move on to school in September we will take this opportunity to say an official goodbye to them.

Signing in and out

Don't forget to sign your child in at the start of the day and out at the end of the day

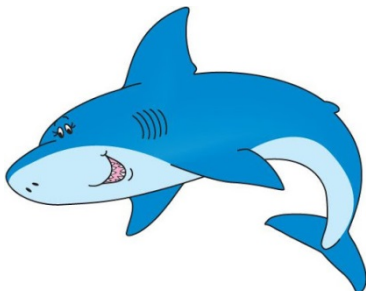


In Playgroup this half term we are thinking about water. We will be playing at pirates, reading pirate stories and doing pirate crafts. We will also be looking at changing water, freezing, melting, boiling, evaporating and making bubbles. We will be thinking about safety in the water and at the beach and we will be having a water fun week (Children will need a change of clothes and possibly swimming costumes that week)

<p style="text-align: center;">Literacy:</p> <p>We will be reading appropriate books about pirates and water. We will continue to visit the library van once a fortnight. We'll be writing our names in the pirate log, in fathers' day cards and in our teddy bears picnic invitations.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Personal Social and Emotional development:</p> <p>We will be continuing transition visits to school for the older children and supporting them as they prepare for this new phase. We'll be talking about what we like doing with our families and friends.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Physical development:</p> <p>We will be talking lots about keeping healthy, healthy food and snacks. We will be cooking weekly (simple recipe ideas are very welcome). We will talk about keeping ourselves safe in the water.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Expressive arts and design:</p> <p>We will be making lots of pirate crafts. We will make Spring pictures, sand pictures and bubble pictures. We will make cards for Fathers' day and invitations to our teddy bears picnic.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Communication and language:</p> <p>We will be using lots of describing words to describe things we feel in the pirate swag bag and to explain why we would pack certain items to go to the beach.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Knowledge of the world:</p> <p>We will be looking at changes to water during freezing, melting evaporation and boiling. We will also look at bubbles and talk about what we see. We will use a metal detector to look for pirate treasure.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Maths:</p> <p>We will be thinking about numbers. We will be doing numbers jigsaws and playing number games. We will be counting to 20, thinking about numbers one more and one less. We'll be making simple tally charts and block graphs..</p> <p style="text-align: center;">At Home:</p> <p>Borrow a storysack! (There's a new one about the hungry caterpillar)</p> <p>Talk to your child about playgroup – who they have seen, what they did, what they enjoyed, sing some of our songs, bring in things for our sound table.</p>
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Don't forget to fill in a wow moment star (available on the weekly planning board) if you notice your child make a new step or do something that surprises you or your really proud of. We've now got some wow question slips too, when your child asks a really good question that amazes or baffles you!

Songs for the half term

<p style="text-align: center;">1,2,3,4,5, once I caught a fish alive</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Counting to 20</p> <p style="text-align: center;">10 fat sausages 10 fat sausages sizzling in the pan, one went pop and one went bang. Repeat for 8,6,4,2, No fat sausages sizzling in a pan, all of a sudden the pan went BANG!</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Row, row row your boat.</p>	<h2 style="text-align: center;">Sailing on the sea</h2> <p>Sailing on the sea, Sailing on the sea, What can you see? What can you see? Well I think I saw a shark snap! snap! Think I saw a shark snap snap Think I saw a shark Hungry for his tea Hope it isn't me</p> 
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