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NEWSLETTER - JANUARY 2011

We wish everyone a Happy New Year and hope you all had a lovely Christmas. Welcome back to everyone. Also, a special welcome to all the new children, we trust that you settle in quickly and have a fantastic time. The next committee meeting is on Friday 21st January, please join us to find out more about how we run Playgroup.

Term Dates

Spring Term - First Half	Thursday 6 th January - Friday 18 th February
HALF TERM	Monday 21 st - Friday 25 th February
Spring Term - Second Half	Monday 28 th February - Friday 8 th April
EASTER BREAK	Monday 11 th - Friday 22 nd April

Please be on time!

A quick reminder that it is imperative that all children are picked up on time to allow the Playgroup staff time to tidy up ready for room to be used for additional classes. Reluctantly, we will be charging a fee of £5.00 if you are late to pick up your child by 10 minutes or more.

Need to reach us?

Don't forget, if you need to reach us to let us know your child is ill or you are running late for collection then call us on 07957 364 149. The phone is switched on from about 8.30am until the end of session. For all other matters, please continue to liaise with our Administrator Dawn on 01992 583 914, Monday to Friday 9 - 5.

Reminders For Your Diary!



3rd - 5th February
Chinese New Year



Friday 4th February
QUIZ NIGHT!



14th February
Valentine's Day

FROM SALLY & THE TEAM

Cold 'n' Frosty Brrrrrrr! It may be chilly out there, but it gives us some wonderful learning opportunities for the children. During this half term's 'cold 'n' frosty' theme the children will be creating snowmen, igloos and icicles galore whilst at the same time learning about shapes and space through their 2D and 3D creations. We will look at arctic animals, talk about how to keep warm in the cold and there will be plenty of opportunities to touch and feel various sensory materials including shaving foam, ice and sparkly, stretchy playdough!

Main Links To The EYFS

	Area	Aspect	Learning Intentions
	PSRN	Shapes, space & measure	- is about how through talking about shapes and quantities, and developing appropriate vocabulary, children use their knowledge to develop ideas and to solve mathematical problems
	CD	Media & materials	- is about children's independent and guided exploration of and engagement with a widening range of media and materials, finding out about, thinking about and working with colour, texture, shape, space and form in two and three dimensions.
	PSE	Dispositions & Attitudes	- is about how children become interested, excited and motivated about their learning

FROM CHARLOTTE OUR CHAIR

Fantastic news, the management committee has a new chair, Charlotte. We'd all like to say a big thank you to Liz for all she has done as the chair to keep the playgroup running, also to Charlotte for stepping in.

“ Hello, I'm Charlotte - I have two children, Thomas (age 3 3/4) who attended the playgroup January '10 to December '10 and Jacob, who was born in May of the same year.

A large, elegant cursive script that reads "Thank You". The letters are fluid and connected, with a prominent 'T' and 'Y' that have long, sweeping tails. The overall style is classic and personal.

A quick low down of my life pre-children might go something like this - I went to school, for the most part, in Hertford before studying English and American Studies at Keele University. I then completed a Masters degree in English at the University of Hertfordshire and spent the next ten years or so working in Key Account Management before working as a Researcher. I'm due to return to a part-time job in a few weeks, so life is going to get a bit more hectic. How will I ever have time to fit in my favourite past-time of shopping?!! Especially when my most favourite place in the world to shop would have to be New York!!

I've been married to Steve for ten years and, like me, he has been most impressed by the Playgroup and how Thomas has grown over the past year or so, in terms of both his confidence and his ability to interact with others. We decided that by me taking up the role of Chairperson, it was a way for me to give something back. ”

FROM DAWN OUR ADMINISTRATOR

Please could all new parents ensure they have completed their Induction paperwork and hand in as soon as possible? All fees are now due.

Shortly, all children who have reached 3 years by 31st December 2010 will be receiving a parent declaration form. This must be completed and returned by the date stated and any parents whose children attend an additional Playgroup must get this form signed by their Administrator before handing in.

FROM SAM OUR FUNDRAISING CHAIR

The fundraising committee performs the vital function of arranging the various fun events that raise money for all the extras our children enjoy at Playgroup. If you would like to know more about helping out either ad hoc or regularly, please contact Sam on 07832383920 or email samwest@ntlworld.com.

We are collecting prizes for the raffle to be held at the quiz night so please bring anything you would like to donate to the Playgroup ASAP.

Quiz Night

The quiz night tickets are now on sale for Friday 4th February (see attached).

Space is limited in the hall so please ask in Playgroup for a booking form if you would like to come and return the form ASAP to ensure you get a table (tables seat 8). If you can't fill a table, just let us know and we will endeavour to fill the spare places.

- Food is provided but please let us know if you require a vegetarian meal.
- It is always a great night and is attended regularly by many so don't delay!