



# PLAYTIMES NEWSLETTER

SEPT - NOV 2016

**Welcome back to everyone, we hope that you have all had a wonderful summer.**

This  $\frac{1}{2}$  term we have been talking to the children about the holidays, countries and transport. We have made pasta sauce with vegetables and for harvest festival week we will be making vegetable soup.

Please don't forget to make a food donation (non-perishable) from the 26<sup>th</sup> September. The children will be delivering Playtimes donations to the church during the week commencing 10<sup>th</sup> October.

We have welcomed and have been getting to know our new children and all of the older children have been helping them to settle in. We have had lots of fun creating string paintings, bubble catching, tower building, learning nursery rhymes, counting games and obstacle courses.

We had a great fun day dressing up as Princesses and Heroe's to raise money for the Crackerjacks charity, we have raised £23.00 so far, so if you are yet to donate please do it as soon as possible. Thank you to everyone for your participation and donations. We also had a great day building boats and being pirates on our Forest Schools afternoon.



Next half term we will be looking at colours and shapes. We will be doing another Forest schools day and enjoying a rainbow nature hunt and also doing some rubbings of the things that we find. We will be doing shape matching, colour grouping and learning the traffic light game whilst also doing lots of arts and crafts activities for Halloween, Bonfire Night and Christmas. It's going to be a very fun sparkly half term.



**Just a quick reminder to all parents to bring in a piece of fruit for each session that your child attends.**



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### Donations needed

Please keep an eye out on Facebook, Newsletter's and the Notice Board as we will often ask for donations of resources to use in planned activities or to replenish our play areas. We are currently looking for clean (labels removed) small/medium jars, bubble wands, metal colanders, bamboo sticks and any odd plain dinner plates for a Christmas fund raising activity. Any donations would be gratefully received.

Thank you to Mr & Mrs Murphy for their donation of play sand, the children are very excited to be able to play in the outside sand pit again.

Thank you also to all of the parents who have volunteered as parent helper so far. It has been a real help to the staff and the children love to be able to share their experiences with their parents and other family members. The staff also very much appreciate your help with the little jobs that constantly need doing around the room. Any parents wishing to volunteer some time to help at Playtimes please put your name on the rota in the foyer. If you are unable to attend sessions there may be other ways that you could help out ie: toy cleaning/washing, odd jobs, garden clearing and many more. Please speak to Sophie or Vicky if you are able to offer some skills and/or time.



### **Autumn Term Dates:**

- Holiday club 30<sup>th</sup> September - Teacher training day.
- Autumn  $\frac{1}{2}$  Term 24<sup>th</sup> - 28<sup>th</sup> October
- End of Autumn Term 20<sup>th</sup> December
- Holiday Club - 21<sup>st</sup> December - 23<sup>rd</sup> December, 3<sup>rd</sup> - 4<sup>th</sup> January.
- Holiday Club Closed 24<sup>th</sup> December - 2<sup>nd</sup> January.
- Spring Term 5<sup>th</sup> January - 31<sup>st</sup> March
- Spring  $\frac{1}{2}$  term 13<sup>th</sup> - 17<sup>th</sup> February.

### **Dates for your Diary:**

- Parents Open Evening - Monday 10<sup>th</sup> October
- AGM - To be confirmed
- Playtimes Halloween Party - Fundraising Event - 30<sup>th</sup> October 4-6pm
- Family Sponsored Walk Grafham Water - 12<sup>th</sup> November - details to follow
- Foss Christmas Fayre -
- End of Term Christmas Nativity Play/Party - 20<sup>th</sup> December - Details to follow



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