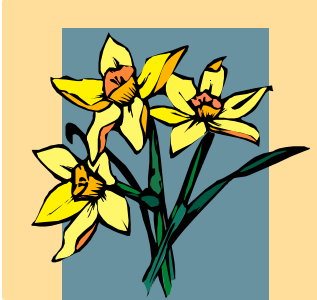


ST DAVID'S HILL PLAYGROUPO - NEWSLETTER FROM THE
STAFF.
SPRING TERM 2012.



Dear Parents,

Welcome back to all of you after the Christmas break. We hope that you all had a good Christmas with lots of lovely presents and a happy new year to you all. Welcome also to our new children and their families, we hope that your time with us will be very happy.

Our theme for this term is "All about us" We will be partaking in various activities relating to this theme; please see information on the notice board with the activities that your child will be involved in .We will also be celebrating the Chinese New Year, Valentine's Day and Mothering Sunday. Easter activities will be started in the last two weeks of term.

In the first half of term the children will be producing work for their profile books. This work includes a drawing, painting, tracing and cutting and gluing activity. These books are available for you to look at with your child's key person on our open days.

FUNDRAISING

A big thank you must go to all of you who helped us raise money last term. We managed to raise -

Children's Sponsored find - £70.00

Christmas Bazaar - £426.50

We also had a kind donation of £150.00 from the NBI after they organized a fundraising event with all proceeds coming to us which was very much appreciated and greatly received!

If anyone has any ideas for future fund raising please see either Brenda or Carole.

AGM

Our AGM was held in November, thank you to all of you who attended, welcome also to our new committee members, your help and support is greatly appreciated!

CHRISTMAS PARTY

This was enjoyed by all. The children were entertained by Uncle Bobby, we had lots of games and a lovely tea party before having a special visit from Father Christmas.



ODD JOBS

We are looking for a person or persons who would be willing to help us with any odd jobs that may need doing within the group. If you can help us please see a member of staff and we will put your name on a list for future reference. Thank you.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

If you have changed address or telephone numbers can we please have all new information. It is very important that we have all updated information in case of any emergencies.

HOLIDAY AND ABSENCE

If your child is going to be on holiday this term can you please inform Brenda or Carole in order to get a holiday form filled in. Likewise if your child is poorly can you please let us know on the day, you will be asked to fill out a sickness form on your child's return.

ADDITIONAL SESSIONS

If you are considering additional sessions for your child we have a few spaces left for this term. If you are interested please see Brenda or Carole, like wise if you have younger children who you would like to attend the group please ask for an admissions form. Please note that we are now taking children from the age of two and only have a few spaces left for these.



REGISTERING YOUR CHILD WITH A SCHOOL

It is important that you register your child with a school soon after they have started with us. You can apply on line :

www.devon.gov.uk/admissiononline or telephone the Education Helpline on 0845 155 1019 to receive a free booklet.

SINGLE OFFER POINT FOR SCHOOL

Starting from September 2011 all local authorities have now introduced a single offer point; this means that children can start school full time or part time in the September following their fourth birthday.

Please note that this is a single offer point and not a single point of entry - parents can choose not to take up this offer and your child does not legally have to start school until they are 5¼ years of age.

If you have any concerns or worries about this please do not hesitate to talk to a member of staff.

YOGURT POT LIDS

Can you please start saving any petits filous yogurt pot lids for us. We have just registered to the "pots make pounds" scheme to enable us to save for equipment from Hope education, the more lids we collect the more equipment we can spend on your children, so start saving! Thank you.

EASTER CLUB

We will be running an Easter club this year to include the following dates -

WEEK 1

Tuesday 3rd

Wednesday 4th

Thursday 5th April

WEEK 2

Tuesday 10th

Wednesday 11th April.

If you would like your child to be part of this please see Brenda or Carole asap to put down names.

The cost of this will be £20.00 per child per day and will run from 9.00am until 4pm.

FAREWELL TO GABY

On Friday we all said our goodbyes to Gaby. She has been with us for three years and now gone on to ventures new. The children gave her a lovely farewell tea party on Friday afternoon and she had a pressy, card and lovely book made by the children which Gaby loved. We all wish her well for the



future. We may be seeing her still as she has kindly offered to help us in our continued fundraising events.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

HALF TERM
17th Feb

Monday 13th Friday

LAST DAY OF SPRING TERM

Friday 30th March

FIRST DAY OF SUMMER TERM

Monday 16th April

We are looking forward to an enjoyable and fun filled term with your children.

If at any time you have any concerns or worries do not hesitate to inform a member of staff, we are always available to talk to you.

Brenda, Carole, Mandy, Beth, and Louise.