

Shaw Ridge Playgroup Newsletter

Term 2 November - December 2017

**IF YOUR CHILD IS NOT GOING TO BE IN PLAYGROUP FOR ANY REASON,
PLEASE RING US/TEXT AND LET US KNOW - 07712 713369**

Week Commencing	Sound of the Week	Shape of the Week
30 th October	S	Circle
6 th November	A	Square
13 th November	T	Triangle
20 th November	P	Heart
27 th November	I	Star
4 th December	N	Oval
11 th December	S	Rectangle

Term 1 flew by! I am thrilled to report that ALL the children have settled really well into playgroup and are beginning to learn our routines and Golden Rules. We are looking forward to a busy Term 2 with the countdown to Christmas.

TERM DATES

Monday 30th October - Friday 15th December 2017.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (AGM)

This will be held on Tuesday 7th November, in the playgroup room at 7pm. As explained in your induction we are a Committee Run Playgroup and have certain legal guidelines we have to follow in order to remain open, one of these is that we have to have a certain percentage of parents attend the AGM. Invitations will be sent out shortly, I would urge you to attend please.

INDEPENDENCE

Just a gentle reminder please - we encourage independence in the children in all areas as we strive to help them with school readiness. We have noticed an increasing trend of children having their coats undone for them or removed from them by parents/carers in the playground before they come in. To enable them to practise and be able to do it for themselves (which the majority can already do, trust me!) please, please allow them to come in with their coats on and done up so they can do it for themselves. It would be great if you could also encourage them to do this at home too please.

IMPORTANT - NEW SHOW & TELL

We have reviewed our practise and have decided to make this time more focussed in-line with our weekly sound and shape/colour of the week.

THEREFORE, PLEASE TAKE TIME TO FIND SOMETHING AT HOME WHICH RELATES TO THESE ONLY.

For example, in the first week please bring in something which either begins with s or is a circle - or be super clever and in bring something which is both!

Show and Tell days are Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Show and tell is a very important part of your child's development as it encourages:

Good listening skills* *Turn taking* *Self-confidence

Speaking in groups* *Awareness of self and others

Please encourage your child to participate!

GRANDPARENTS AND FAMILY STAY AND PLAY

Thank you to everyone who attended this - it was lovely to see so many of you and grandparents.

HARVEST/FOOD BANK DONATIONS

HUGE thanks to everyone who brought in items for this - Alison will be delivering these over the half term.

HALLOWEEN FANCY DRESS DISCO/ACTIVITIES

As advertised on the posters we are having a Halloween themed fancy dress day on Tuesday 31st October during the normal session. We are looking to raise funds to buy some Christmas Craft resources for the children. Please bring in £2 on the day to help us do this.

URGENT - PRIMARY SCHOOL ADMISSIONS

Please remember that if your child is due to start school September 2018, you MUST apply by 15th January 2018 for their place. Details and more information on your child's Tapestry account.

STAY AND PLAY

**These sessions run for the first half an hour of each session,
i.e. 8.50 - 9.20 and 11.50 - 12.20.**

**THURS 9TH NOV TUES 14TH NOV MON 20TH NOV
WEDS 29TH NOV TUES 5TH DEC**

It would be lovely if you can join us to play.

LYDIARD PARK AUTUMN WALK

On Friday 10th November, the playgroup will be holding a parent-accompanied outing to Lydiard Park. We will be sending out letters with full details. Please note that the playgroup will be shut for the morning.

KEYWORKER MEETINGS

These will be held on the afternoons of Fridays 1st and 8th December. This is an opportunity to speak to your child's keyworker about their progress and any concerns/questions you may have. There will be an appointment schedule in the lobby soon for you to sign up to.

AND FINALLY - CHRISTMAS PARTY

This will be held on the last day of term, with lots of fun and hopefully a visit from Father Christmas. Invitations will be sent out soon! We will also hold a short Christmas concert after the party for parents/friends/family to attend. Expect for your child to be singing lots of festive songs over the upcoming weeks as we will be practising, practising, practising!!

Thank you!

THE PLAYGROUP LADIES