

Shaw Ridge Playgroup Newsletter

Term 4 - February - March 2018

REPORTING ABSENCE - VERY IMPORTANT
IF YOUR CHILD IS NOT GOING TO BE IN PLAYGROUP
FOR ANY REASON, PLEASE RING US/TEXT/EMAIL
AND LET US KNOW ON THE DAY - 07712 713369

Week Commencing	Sound of the Week	Shape of the Week
19 th February	S	Circle
26 th February	A	Square
5 th March	T	Star
12 th March	P	Oval
19 th March	I	Rectangle
26 th March	N	Diamond

TERM DATES

Monday 19th February - Thursday 29th March. We will then be closed for the Easter holidays. We return on Monday 16th April. Please remember that we are closed for a TD Day on Tuesday 27th March as Alison and I are completing statutory Safeguarding training.

INTERNET SAFETY DAY

Hopefully you have had a chance to look at the links I sent you about this. Please also remember that there are leaflets and more details in the Parent Information folder in the lobby.

MYSTERY READER

HUGE thanks to those of you have already come in to read to us, and those who are signed up. The children are getting really excited on these days and love guessing who the Mystery Reader will be! Guesses have included "Santa" "A wizard" and "A dinosaur". There are lots of blank spaces on the sign-up form in the lobby, I would really urge you to please sign up for a slot. On the days where no-one has signed up the children are still asking about it and Alison and I try not to feel too unloved when we tell them it's us and they look disappointed!! I know that lots of you arrive in the lobby early, so it would be wonderful if you could come and join us to read. Don't forget, you can add your name as many times as you would like.

FUNDING FORMS

These are for the Summer Term (April - July). Please remember without them we are unable to claim your child's funding on Head Count day and you will be invoiced at £12 per session (£60 per week).

PARENT QUESTIONNAIRES

We will be sending these homes soon, we would really appreciate it if you could take the time to complete them, thank you.

KEYWORKER MEETINGS

Friday 2nd March. There is a sign-up sheet for these in the lobby **for the children who started with us in January.** If you had a keyworker meeting at Christmas but you have any concerns and would like an appointment to discuss them then please speak to Alison or I and we will arrange this for you.

FUNDRAISING

To raise funds for some new playgroup toys we will be asking you to support us over the Easter Holidays by sponsoring your child to look after a chick - don't panic it's not real!! More details to follow!

STAY AND PLAY

This term we are offering a special Mother's Day Stay and Play session on Friday 9th March (8.50 - 9.50 am), please attend this fun event if you can. We will be sending out invitations soon. It is **VERY** important that you return your reply slip so that we know how many mums are attending. We are also holding Stay and Play sessions on Wednesday 28th February, Thursday 15th March, Tuesday 20th March.

HONESTY LENDING LIBRARY/DUAL LANGUAGE BOOKS FOR SHARING

We have a box of books in the lobby which you are very welcome to borrow and share at home with your child, just help yourself. **We have put new books in for this term.** Please remember to return them when you have finished so that other children can borrow them. Please do not forget we have a wide range of Dual Language books that you can now borrow too. A list is displayed on the notice board. Please speak to the ladies if you require any further information or would like to borrow one.

WEBSITE

Please take time to have a look, don't forget you can find lots of information such as policies, prospectus, term dates, information about the Early Years Foundation Stage and copies of newsletters. There is also a links page with lots of different websites which may be of help or interest to you: <http://shawridgeplaygroup.org.uk/>

OPEN DOOR POLICY

Please remember that we have an open door policy, this means if you have any questions, concerns or queries, please just come and speak to one of the ladies. We are here to help!

IMPORTANT - SHOW & TELL

Show and Tell days are Tuesdays and Thursdays.

We teach the 'phonic' sound of each letter, not the letter name, for example, if you are bringing something for the sound "a" then an apple would be suitable but an aeroplane would not. Similarly, for "i" an igloo is great but an iron isn't.

Thank you so much for your support with this.

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 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!

DONATIONS

As you are all aware we are a Charity playgroup and we rely on goodwill support and donations from our parents to aid your child's learning and development. Please, please if you can offer anything from our wanted list we would be VERY grateful.

WANTED PLEASE:

(Huge thanks to all of you who donated last term!)

More donations of any of the following would be hugely appreciated!

Tissues

Washing up Liquid

Coloured Paper or Card

Spring Bulbs

Wicker Baskets - any size would be great please!

Tin foil

Wooden bowls, spoons or plates.

OR ANYTHING REALLY!!!!!!

Thank you!

THE PLAYGROUP LADIES