

Shaw Ridge Playgroup Newsletter

Term 5 - April - May 2018

**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	Colour of the Week
16 th April	S	Blue
23 rd April	A	Green
30 th April	T	Orange
7 th May	P	Pink
14 th May	I	Purple
21 st May	N	Beige (a FAB suggestion from one of the children!)

We hope you all had a lovely Easter break - despite the wintery weather! A very warm welcome to our new families joining us this term and in Term 6. We very much look forward to getting to know you all.

TERM DATES

Monday 16th April - Friday 25th May. Please note Monday 7th May is a Bank Holiday and we will be closed.

FUNDRAISING

I hope the children have enjoyed taking good care of their chicks over the holidays, please remember to add photo's to Tapestry so we can share them together next week. **PLEASE RETURN ALL SPONSOR MONEY BY FRIDAY 20th APRIL.**

EARTH DAY

Sunday 22nd April is International Earth Day <https://www.earthday.org/> so on Monday 23rd April we will be celebrating this at playgroup. We would love it if the children could wear something green on this day.

PARENT QUESTIONNAIRES

Many thanks to all of you who have already completed and returned these, they have made for some lovely reading and we do appreciate your kind comments. We shall be sharing with you the outcomes in the next couple of weeks, so if you haven't returned yours yet please do so by Friday 20th April.

STAFF TRAINING

Both Alison and myself attended training on the following last term:

Get Me Ready to Learn - with just 12 playgroup weeks left now until the end of the Summer term we will be sharing with you soon on Tapestry some of the ways you can support your child with their transition to Primary school. We thought this would be useful to share with you all not just the ones starting school in September and also **Serious Case Review Safeguarding Training.**

MYSTERY READER

Thank you to all of you who came in last term to read to us - some of you came in multiple times! I've put a new rota up in the lobby, please do add your name as many times as you would like. If you are unsure about doing it then please speak to some of the parents who have already done it - hopefully they will reassure you! It is a great way to be involved in your child's learning.

STAY AND PLAY - PLEASE JOIN US IF YOU CAN!

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

Thursday 26th April Tuesday 1st May Wednesday 9th May
 Tuesday 15th May Thursday 24th May

UPCOMING DATES FOR YOUR DIARY - MORE DETAILS TO FOLLOW!

School Leaver's group photograph - Tuesday 14th June 9.00 am
Father's Day Stay and Play - Friday 15th June - 8.50 - 9.50am
Keyworker Meetings - Fridays 22 & 29th June - in the afternoon
Graduation Party and Ceremony for Parents (school leaver's only) Friday 13th July.

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/>

SHOW AND 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!

SUNFLOWER SEEDS SMALL PLANT POTS SOIL BEDDING PLANTS

CRAFT ITEMS WASHING UP LIQUID WICKER BASKETS

WOODEN BOWLS

OR ANYTHING REALLY!!!!

Thank you!

THE PLAYGROUP LADIES