

Shaw Ridge Playgroup Newsletter

Term 5 November - 21 December 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	Shape of the Week
5 th November	T	Square
12 th November	P	Circle
19 th November	I	Triangle
26 th November	N	Heart
3 rd December	S	Rectangle
10 th December	A	Star
17 th December	T	Oval

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 5th November - Friday 21st December 2018. Term 3 is Monday 7th January 2019 - Friday 15th February. **Monday 7th January is a Staff Development day so the playgroup is closed for children who will return Tuesday 8th January.**

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (AGM)

This will be held on Tuesday 6th 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.

PHOTOGRAPHS

We hope you liked the photographs taken by Terry Ferris, please remember that all orders need to be returned to playgroup by Friday 9th November.

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.

GRANDPARENTS AND FAMILY STAY AND PLAY

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

URGENT - PRIMARY SCHOOL ADMISSIONS

Please remember that if your child is due to start school September 2019, you MUST apply by 15th January 2019 for their place. Details and more information on your child's Tapestry account. This is something that you need to apply for directly, the playgroup has no involvement in this process.

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.

TUES 13 NOV

WEDS 28 NOV

THURS 13 DEC

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

LYDIARD PARK AUTUMN WALK

On Friday 23rd 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 afternoon of Friday 23rd November. 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 on the door soon for you to sign up to.

SHOW & TELL

This is 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.

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!

DONATIONS - A HUGE THANK YOU!

We are EXTREMELY grateful to all our wonderful families who supported the playgroup through donations from our wanted list - you did us so proud, thank you, thank you, thank you!! This term we would be grateful for **any** Christmas related craft items and some mint teabags please!

AND FINALLY - CHRISTMAS PARTY

This will be held on the last day of term, with lots of fun and 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