

# Shaw Ridge Playgroup Newsletter

Term 4 - February - April 2019

**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**

<b>Week Commencing</b>	<b>Sound of the Week</b>	<b>Pattern of the Week</b>
25 February	I	Spots
4 March	N	Zig zags
11 March	S	Stripes
18 March	A	Animal
25 March	T	Tartan
1 April	P	Spirals

## **TERM DATES**

Monday 25<sup>th</sup> February - Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April. We will then be closed for the Easter holidays, which sees Easter fall at the end of the two weeks this year, with Easter Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> April (bank holiday). We have a staff TD Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April so will re-open to children Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> April.

## **BRING YOUR TEDDY FOR SNACK**

As part of our Goldilocks and the 3 bears topic, we would like all of the children to bring their teddy bear/cuddly toy in for a picnic snack on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> March. If at all possible, PLEASE LABEL THEM WITH YOUR CHILD'S NAME.

## **MYSTERY READER**

Some of you will remember this from last year! We would like a 'Mystery Reader' to end our session story time and we would really appreciate your support with this. Each Monday and Wednesday we would like a parent to sign up to either read a story, or talk about their jobs or their culture. You can bring a book from home that you already know, choose or just pick a book from our selection. If English isn't your first language, please don't worry - it would be fabulous if you could read to us all in your home language. The exciting thing is that we will keep it top secret, so that your child has no idea you are coming in. When you arrive, please ring us, we will get the children to sit down and cover their eyes. They will then count down from 10 and when they open their eyes the mystery reader is sitting in the ladies' blue chair - I can't wait to see their faces!

It will only take a few minutes of your time and I'm sure the children would absolutely love it. There is no need to feel self-conscious trust me, Ali and I are frequently seen dancing to Gangnam Style with a cheerleading pom-pom on our heads whilst sporting bandages from the role-play first aid kit! You will be very much welcomed. Many thanks for your support as always.

There is a sign-up sheet on the blue door where the children's photographs are.

## **FUNDING FORMS**

You will soon be getting 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).

### KEYWORKER MEETINGS

These will be held on Fridays 22<sup>nd</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> March in the afternoon. Keep an eye out for the sign-up sheet in a couple of weeks, which will be on the blue door as usual.

### 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 29<sup>th</sup> 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 13<sup>th</sup> March and Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> March, remember, these are very informal sessions where you just come in and play with your child.

### HONESTY LENDING LIBRARY/DUAL LANGUAGE BOOKS FOR SHARING

We have a box of books in playgroup 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. Please speak to the ladies if you require any further information or would like to borrow one. The box is also out on stay and play sessions.

### 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.

*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. Unfortunately, due to the current freeze on funding rates the amount we receive from the council does not cover the costs of your child's place with us.

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!

Footballs (ours have been stolen!)

Tissues (boxes please rather than individual packets)

Bubbles

Cheap bubble bath/shampoo/shower gel

Coloured Paper or Card

Spring plants

Wicker Baskets - any size would be great please!

Jumbo chalks

Wooden bowls, spoons or plates.

OR ANYTHING REALLY!!!!!!

Thank you!

THE PLAYGROUP LADIES