

Shaw Ridge Playgroup Newsletter

Term 5 - April - May 2019

**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	Number of the Week
22 nd April	I	1
29 th April	N	2
6 th May	S	3
13 th May	A	4
20 th May	T	5

We hope you all have a lovely Easter break - and we look forward to seeing your Tapestry challenges. A very warm welcome to our new families joining us in Term 5. We very much look forward to getting to know you all.

TERM DATES

Tuesday 23rd April - Friday 24th May. Please note Tuesday 23rd April is a TD Day so children will return from Wednesday 24th April. Monday 6th May is a Bank Holiday and we will be closed.

FUNDRAISING

I hope the children have enjoyed taking good care of their chicks so far - and that they have all survived!! Please remember to add photo's to Tapestry so we can share them together first week back. **PLEASE RETURN ALL SPONSOR MONEY BY FRIDAY 26th APRIL.**

KEYWORKER MEETINGS

HUGE thanks to the parents who made an appointment to discuss their child's progress at playgroup. We hope you found the meeting useful know where your child is in their development. We are now sending home their Spring assessments.

SICKNESS AND ILLNESS

We would just like to remind you of the following:

- If your child is absent from playgroup for ANY reason please let us know.
- The best place for sick/poorly children is at home with you
- If your child has had sickness/diarrhoea they **MUST** have not had it for 48 hours before they can return
- If your child has had Calpol or similar for ANY reason they must stay at home. Please do not give them medicine to stop a fever/pain etc and then send them to playgroup because they are feeling better, it is the medicine that is making them feel better, but they are still poorly.
- If your child is on antibiotics, they must stay at home for at least 48 hours after starting them to ensure they don't have a reaction to them

We really do appreciate your support with this. Please remember, as a team of 2 staff, if you send your child into playgroup ill and the ladies catch it then **playgroup will be closed. We cannot open without staff.**

MYSTERY READER

Thank you to the 4 parents and 1 Auntie who came in to read to us. Unfortunately, we had lots of

days with no mystery reader, which the children weren't too happy about! I've put a new rota up on the door, 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 and parental support is very important to our playgroup.

SNACK/LUNCH BOXES

We have sadly noticed an increasing trend of chicken nuggets, chips, pizzas, fish fingers, burgers and cakes being brought in. A polite reminder that we are a healthy setting and therefore promote healthy choices in the foods the children bring in. There is information in your induction packs and on Tapestry regards to this. Thank you for your support.

LYDIARD PARK FAMILY SPRING WALK

We will be holding this on Friday 17th May. The playgroup will be closed for the morning. More details to follow.

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.**

WEDNESDAY 8TH MAY

TUESDAY 14TH MAY

THURSDAY 23RD MAY

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 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. 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 (BOXES) BLUE TAC TIN FOIL

SUNFLOWER SEEDS SMALL PLANT POTS

SOIL BEDDING PLANTS PLAY SAND

CRAFT ITEMS WASHING UP LIQUID

FOOTBALLS WICKER BASKETS

GLUE STICKS PAPER CARD

WOODEN BOWLS OR ANYTHING REALLY!!!!!!

Thank you!

THE PLAYGROUP LADIES