

Shaw Ridge Playgroup Newsletter

Term 6 - June - July 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	Shape of the Week
3 rd June	P	Pyramid
10 th June	I	Cube
17 th June	N	Prism
24 th June	S	Sphere
1 st July	A	Cylinder
8 th July	T	Cone

OUR FAREWELL TERM

Term 6 is always a sad one for playgroup (even after 17 years we still cry!) as our older children leave us to start their new journey at primary school. We have some really happy memories of their time with us, as we hope you and they do too. We wish them lots of luck in their new adventure and hope they will still remember to give us a wave when they see us or pass the playgroup fence! Term 6 is jam packed and we have lots to fit into such a short amount of time....

TERM DATES

MONDAY 3rd JUNE - FRIDAY 12th JULY. (Please note Friday 12th July is our Graduation Party for Leavers so the **official last day of term is Thursday 11th July**. For those returning in September Monday 2nd September is a TD Day and the children return Tuesday 3rd September.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Monday 10th June - School Leaver's Photo
Friday 14th June - Father's Day Stay and Play
Friday 21st June - School Leaver Appointments
Wednesday 26th June - Summer Outing
Thursday 11th July - Last Day of Term
Monday 8th July - Superhero Dress Up Day
Friday 12th July - Graduation for School Leavers.

MYSTERY READER

Over the past 2 terms, 11 weeks in total, we have had just 6 Mystery Reader Slots filled and 3 of those were the same person. A BIG thank you to those parents. As you can imagine, this is very disappointing for the children who really enjoy and look forward to this each week. It is a very quick and easy way to be involved in your child's early years education, it literally takes 5 minutes of your time. We are putting up a new rota for next term, please, please, please I urge you to sign up. I am genuinely unsure why our parents are not supporting this - I do understand a couple of you don't ever come to playgroup as you have childminders, but the majority of our parents are here early to collect anyway. If a Monday or Wednesday aren't convenient to you, please let us know any other day you would prefer. **I would be very grateful if you could let me know - either in person or via email - the barriers which are preventing you from signing up and supporting this. Thank you in advance.**

LYDIARD PARK TEDDY BEAR'S PICNIC

Thank you to everyone who joined us last Friday for this fun event, you all did an amazing job on your nature bracelets and Colour I Spy! Hope you enjoyed it as much as we did.

SPONSORED CHICK FUNDRAISING EVENT

WOW! WOW! WOW! Thank you so VERY much to all our families who supported this event. You raised a **MASSIVE £527.30!!!!!!** The winner for the "most raised" prize was **Oskar who raised £207**. Congratulations Oskar! This is a fabulous amount of money and we have already started spending! We are purchasing items from our 'priorities for improvement' list - an Outdoor Teepee which will be a reading den; some paw patrol toys (ready for our Superhero term and very much in-line with the children's interests); 4 story sacks to promote literacy in the home and wind up torches. We will let you know of other items purchased as we get them. Thank you again.

SUPERHERO DRESS UP DAY

On **Monday 8th July** we will be holding a fun Superhero Day! We would like the children to come to playgroup in a Superhero costume (THERE WILL BE NO P.E. FOR SCHOOL LEAVERS ON THIS DAY). Please do **NOT** feel the need to spend money on an expensive costume if you don't already have one, home made costumes are absolutely fine.

VERY IMPORTANT - SUN SAFETY

I have never known the weather to be quite so changeable as it has been this year!! We can go from freezing cold to boiling hot in the space of an hour. **Therefore, to avoid any issues please can you ensure that your child has a labelled sun hat and sun cream (for all day children) EVERY DAY IN TERM 6, regardless of the weather at drop off or the predicted forecast.** We have a duty of care to ensure your child's safety and to report any concerns if we feel a child is at risk, you will be asked to return to playgroup with any missing items. I urge you to please re-read our Sun Safety policy on Tapestry if you are unsure.

LEAVER'S PARTY AND GRADUTATION

This will be held on Friday 12th July in the morning. We will be holding a Graduation Ceremony after the party for parents to attend -more details to follow!

SUMMER OUTING

We are sending letters home this week with full details of the trip. This is a parent accompanied trip, on Wednesday 26th June at Cotswold Wildlife Park. There is a list on the door for you to sign up if you are coming. You can pay on the day, or if you pre-book on-line it will be cheaper. Please remember that **playgroup will be shut on this day** as the staff will be attending the outing. Siblings/Aunties/Grandparents - everyone welcome! We hope you can join us for this fun day!

SCHOOL LEAVER'S APPOINTMENTS

You have received an email regarding this. These will be held Friday 21st June in the afternoon.

STAY AND PLAY DATES

SPECIAL FATHER'S DAY STAY AND PLAY FRIDAY 14TH JUNE
(IF DAD CAN'T MAKE IT FEEL FREE TO BRING AN UNCLE OR GRANDAD!)
REPLY SLIPS MUST BE RETURNED BY MONDAY 10TH JUNE

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

Thursday 6th June

Tuesday 25th June

Please remember that if these dates are not convenient for you, you are welcome to arrange another time to come in -just speak to one of the ladies.

WANTED PLEASE:

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

TO ENHANCE OUR TOPIC FOR NEXT TERM WE WOULD BE VERY GRATEFUL
FOR ANY OF THE FOLLOWING

COULD YOU PLEASE BRING THEM IN FOR
WEEK 1 OF THE TERM

KITCHEN ROLL TUBES

POTATOES

CARROTS

SWEDES

PARSNIPS

BROCCOLI

FROZEN PEAS

MASKING TAPE

Phew! I appreciate this is a long newsletter, but as I said we have a LOT to pack into the next 6 weeks! Thanks for taking the time to read!

THE PLAYGROUP LADIES