



Gislingham Playgroup

Christmas 2011

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CHRISTMAS WILL SOON be here we hope you are all ready for the festivities! We are looking forward to the playgroup Christmas play and all the fun activities leading up to the end of term. We all hope you have a great Christmas and look forward to seeing you all in the new year.



TV Characters and Nursery Rhymes

Next term we will be doing lots of activities based on favourite TV characters and Nursery Rhymes.



Topic for January/February 2012

Favourite TV Characters and Nursery Rhymes

Christmas Production

The Christmas production is on 8th December 2011 at 1.45 pm in the school hall. Please could children be back at playgroup at 1.15pm to be dressed. We will be having stalls on the day if anyone would like a stall please see Debbie, there will be no charge for a stall, a donation of 10% of proceeds towards the playgroup.



Parking of Cars

Please could all parents/carers park on the roadside outside school when dropping their children off and collecting them from playgroup.

This is for safety reasons as there is a pedestrian crossing that goes across the school staff car park to the school and this should not be driven across while the children are going in and out of school.

Every Child a Talker (ECaT)

This initiative is aimed at improving speaking and listening skills before children start school.

New Activities introduced so far:

- Naming the playgroup bear
- 'Flick' the hand puppet
- Individual photograph albums
- Bobo Bear's adventures

Speak to any member of staff for more information.



Stay and Play

Research shows that children learn better when their parents/carers are involved and we welcome those who wish to stay and play for a session.

This helps maintain the high ratio of adults to children in our group, guaranteeing individual care and attention for each child. It also gives parents/carers the opportunity to take an active part in the group to see what happens and talk about it afterwards with their child.

In addition, it provides a valuable opportunity for children to see their own parents/carers in a new role. There is a list on the board in the entrance to the playgroup, if you wish to stay please put your name on the list.

New Telephone Number

Playgroup now have a land line the new number is 01379 788934.



Printer Cartridges and Old Mobile Phones

We are collecting old ink cartridges and old mobile phones at the playgroup. If we send them off we get money back towards the playgroup. If you have any cartridges or mobiles please bring them in for our box. Thank you.

Contact Phone Numbers

Please could you make sure we have up to date contact numbers for you and your emergency contacts. Thank you.

Must Know Items for Parents!

Existing Injuries

Please report ANY existing injuries, eg:cuts/bruises to staff so an "incident form" can be completed and so staff are aware that your child arrived at playgroup with them.

Illness

Children should not attend playgroup until:

- 72 hours after diarrhoea and vomiting.
- 48 hours after raised temperature

Please can you all label your child's belongings, this should include:

Coats
Lunch boxes
P l a y g r o u p
Sweatshirts
Drinks
Bags
Wellies



Sweatshirts and Polo Shirts

You can buy these from Debbie:
Sweatshirts: £9
Polo Shirts: £8

Term Dates

SpringTerm: 4th January 2012

Half Term: 21st February to 25th February 2012

End Spring Term: 8th April 2012

Dates for your Diary

Christmas Production School hall on 8th December 2011 1.45pm
Toddler Party at village hall on 16th December 2011 10.15am

Severe Weather

If there is severe weather ie snow the playgroup will remain open.

Indoor/Outdoor Shoes

The garden area of playgroup is currently muddy and the children are carrying the mud indoors. To prevent this please could you provide your children with a pair of indoor and outdoor shoes. Ideally a pair which your child can easily take on and off by themselves.



Fundraisers

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the Cash for School bags.

We also raised £20 for Children In Need, thank you to everyone who donated.

Next Committee Meeting

9th January 2012, 7.30pm at Gislingham Playgroup, Broadfields Road, Gislingham.

Anyone interested in becoming a committee member or supporting the playgroup please come along.