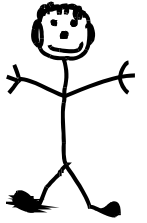




FIRST STEP PLAYGROUP

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31st October 2016

Welcome back! We hope you have all had an enjoyable half term. Below is an overview of the planned activities and information for this half term at playgroup.

Autumn 2 2016

The activities we implemented last term are going very well. The story of the week, chosen by a child is read during most sessions throughout the week and the children are really engaging with it, joining in with parts of the story, recalling the events and engaging in play linked to the book. Bradley Bear has been to visit some family homes and will continue to do so, all children will have the opportunity to look after him.

This half term we have a few planned activities due to the festivals and events happening. Activities include celebrating Diwali, making firework pictures and discussing firework safety. We will acknowledge Remembrance by making poppies to add to our family tree display, and of course Christmas craft and activities will be included during the term.

We hope you are finding your way around Tapestry if you have chosen to move over to it. Please add comments, likes or add your own observations from home to share with your child's key person, it's a great way to work in partnership.

Parent Consultation meeting will be held the week of 14th November, appointment sheets will be displayed in a few days.

Some dates for your diary are:

18.11.16 Children in Need – Dress in something spotty and have a day filled with Pudsey activities with a voluntary donation to Children in Need.

26.11.16 Christmas Tree Festival at the Parish Church where we will have a decorated Christmas tree on display.

14.12.16 Christmas Play We are holding our play at the Baptist Church from 2.15pm. More information will be sent nearer the time.

16.12.16 Christmas Party All children are invited to attend our Christmas party 12.30 -2.30 at playgroup. More information will be sent out nearer the time.

Clothing

Please ensure that your child's coat and jumpers are named, some of our younger children may not recognise their own belongings and clothes can easily become mixed up. If you would like to order name labels we do have some leaflets for Easy2Name. Please also be reminded we have t-shirts, sweatshirts and fleece jackets to purchase if you would like your child to wear a 'uniform'.

We welcome donations of welly boots, hats, gloves and slippers. We would like the children to have the opportunity to change into slippers indoors as the weather is turning wetter.

Illness

If your child is not attending playgroup for any reason please inform us on 07855 035212.

A reminder of our 'Managing children with allergies, or who are sick or infectious' policy, if your child has had sickness or diarrhoea please ensure they are excluded from playgroup for 48 hours after the last bout.

If you have had to administer Calpol or similar to your child before playgroup, please consider whether or not they are well enough to attend the session.

Superstar box

Please continue to use our superstar box. This provides us with valuable information we might not see in the setting, and of course your child will get a sticker and celebration from the group.

Fundraising

If you are able to help co-ordinate any fundraising events please speak to Emma Hobbs. To buy new resources for the children we do rely on fundraising.

If you shop online please sign up to Easy Fundraising and join First Steps Playgroup Somersham.

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/firststepssomersham/>

Playgroup will earn commission from your purchases at no extra cost to yourself, you just need to shop through the Easy Fundraising site or app.

Term Dates

31.10.16 Return to playgroup

16.12.16 End of Term (please note earlier closure than Somersham Primary School).

09.01.17 Start of Spring term

13.02.17 Half Term Holiday

20.02.17 Return to playgroup