

## CASTLETON PLAYGROUP NOVEMBER 2015 NEWSLETTER

### **COUGHS, SNEEZES AND OTHER DISEASES**

Please inform playgroup if your child is absent due to illness and if possible the reason e.g. Sickness, Temperature, Chicken pox etc...

Please remember that children should not attend playgroup if they are unwell no matter how much they wish to come.

**IF A CHILD NEEDS MEDICINE, FOR EXAMPLE TO BRING DOWN A TEMPERATURE, THEY SHOULD NOT COME TO PLAYGROUP.**

### **INCLEMENT WEATHER PLAN**

Winter is upon us and this might mean some very rough weather ahead.

If playgroup is closed due to unforeseen weather there will be a message on our web site - [www.castletonplaygroup.co.uk](http://www.castletonplaygroup.co.uk) and an email will be sent.

**(If the school closes, we have to follow suit – see [www.marshfieldprimary.co.uk](http://www.marshfieldprimary.co.uk)).**

Please ensure that children bring appropriate coats and shoes for the winter weather, so that your child is able to play out in the garden if they wish.

### **QUERIES ABOUT FEES AND FEE PAYMENTS**

We accept childcare vouchers so please speak to Carol for confirmation that we are registered with the company you wish to use.

If you pay your fees directly into our bank account please ensure that an email is sent to playgroup confirming that you have done this.

Queries about fees – If you have a query about your fees please raise the matter before paying. When there is a session where all children are invited everyone will be billed so if your child is unable to make it and it is not their normal session please say.

Could we please ask that fees are paid before 13<sup>th</sup> November? If you have a problem paying them before this date please speak to Carol.

### **FRUIT AT SNACK TIME**

Please don't forget to bring in fruit for the children to share at snack time. If everyone brings in a couple of pieces of fruit every week the children will have a nice variety to share.

As the cereal at snack time was very popular we will be having this again from 9<sup>th</sup> November for the week so no fruit will be needed for this period.

### **WEEKLY E-MAIL**

Hopefully everyone is receiving our weekly email regarding our interest table and Welsh words and occasional updates about what's going on at playgroup. If you are not receiving these e-mails please see Carol.

### **MARSHFIELD MONKEYS**

If your child is going to be picked up by Marshfield Monkeys on a set lunch time we will require the permission form below to be completed and returned before we will be able to allow your child to be walked over.

We also ask that these children bring an empty rucksack so that they are able to put in it any work they have done. Last academic year we had a lot of children who were unable to take their work home as they were unable to carry it – remember your child needs one hand to carry their lunch box and one to hold the playgroup line.

Please clearly mark any bags/lunch boxes with your child's name on the outside.

Can we also remind parents whose children are coming from Marshfield Monkeys in the afternoon that we also require fruit for the afternoon snack.

### **PLAYGROUP WEBSITE**

The playgroup website has been revamped over the last couple of weeks and the new version is now up and running. The content is much the same although we hope that the new layout will be easier on the eye. Great thanks to Chrissie and Dorian at Penguin Internet for helping us through this exercise.

## TOPICS

We have a busy term coming up with our topics covering the story 'Little Red Riding Hood' and 'The Ginger Bread Man'. Also we will be looking at Diwali, Winter and Christmas.

## DIARY DATES

### WEEK COMMENCING MONDAY 16<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER - HOMELINK SESSIONS

This is an opportunity for parents to have a chat with the supervisor. An appointment sheet with time slots will be in the cloakroom for parents to choose their slots.

Please remember that you do not have to wait for one of these sessions in order to speak to the supervisor who is available before and after a session or by appointment during a session.

### MONDAY 30<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER – RECEPTION CLASS CHRISTMAS PLAY

We will be going over to the school to watch the reception class Christmas play at 10am.

If any preschool child who doesn't attend the morning session and would like to attend this activity please speak to Carol (Marshfield Monkey's will also be attending this activity).

### SCHOOL CHRISTMAS SHOP

The school will be inviting the preschool children to visit their Christmas shop. Further details regarding this activity will be sent nearer the time.

### TUESDAY 1<sup>st</sup> DECEMBER - VISIT TO CATTLE COUNTRY ADVENTURE PARK

We will be going to visit Father Christmas on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> December at Cattle Country Adventure Park.

This session is open to both older and younger children.

All children must be accompanied by an adult.

We will leave Marshfield at 9.15am and return at approximately 2.30pm

The cost will be £12.65 for one adult and one child. This includes entrance to the farm, a tractor ride to see Father Christmas (and present), and the cost of the coach.

There will be a list on the notice board for parents who are interested.

Can we please have payment for this trip as soon as possible as I will need to confirm numbers with the farm by mid-November.

**Please note there will be no playgroup on this day for children who do not attend this activity.**

### WEDNESDAY 9<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER – PARENTS' CHRISTMAS PARTY 8pm -10pm

Come and join us for an informal Hot and Cold Buffet with a drink on arrival at the Vanilla Pod coffee bar, Cleppa Park, (next to Greggs).

Ticket price £15 per person. Please contact Sam or Jannie by 13<sup>th</sup> November to confirm if you would like to attend. Text on 07894 585014 or 07914 434386 or email jannie\_k@hotmail.com

### FRIDAY 11<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER 10 am – 2.00 pm - PRE-SCHOOL CHILDREN'S LUNCH AT PLAYGROUP

**All older children** are invited to Christmas lunch. Please fill in the attached form and return it, with payment, to playgroup by Friday 4<sup>th</sup> December

**No playgroup for afternoon children on this day.** Fees have been adjusted accordingly.

### MONDAY 14<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER - CHRISTMAS NATIVITY MORNING FOR ALL PRE-SCHOOL CHILDREN

Children at 9.05 am. Parents at 10.30 (Parents will take their children home at the end of this morning)

**Normal afternoon session but for younger children only**

### THURSDAY 17<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER 10.00 am – 1.00 pm - ALL YOUNGER CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY

This party is for all the younger children who are invited to come in fancy dress or party clothes.

Parents are invited at 12.30 to join in the fun! This is the last session for younger children.

**No playgroup for older children. No afternoon session.**

### FRIDAY 18<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER 10.00 am – 1.00 pm - ALL PRE-SCHOOL CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY

This party is for all older children who are invited to come in fancy dress or party clothes.

This is the last session for older children. **No afternoon session.**

**DATES FOR 2016**

**MONDAY 4<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2016 9.30 – 10.30 am - NEW INTAKE COFFEE MORNING**

For all parents and children starting playgroup after Christmas.

**MONDAY 4<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2016 10.30 – 11.30 am - COFFEE MORNING**

This is open for parents and new children to come and look around the setting and for parents to have a chat with staff and other parents while their children play.

**TUESDAY 5<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2016 - SPRING TERM STARTS**

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**MARSHFIELD MONKEY'S PLAYGROUP – PICK UP**

CHILDS NAME .....

Marshfield Monkeys playgroup pick up at 12pm

DAY/S .....

Your child will only be sent with Marshfield Monkeys on the days stated above.

If any days change I will notify Castleton Playgroup by writing immediately.

PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE .....

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**CHRISTMAS LUNCH FOR PRE SCHOOL CHILDREN ONLY**

Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December 10am – 2.00pm

The lunch will cost £5.00 and will be Turkey, Roast Potatoes, Sausage,  
Peas, Sweetcorn, and Gravy.

Yogurt

Satsumas

Crackers for the children to pull

Please fill in the form below and return it along with payment by Fri. 4<sup>th</sup> December

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I would like my child.....to have Christmas Lunch

My child does not like.....

Signature.....Parent/Guardian