

## **CASTLETON PLAYGROUP**

### **April 2016 Newsletter**

#### **FUNDING**

If your child had their 3<sup>rd</sup> birthday between 1<sup>st</sup> January & 31<sup>st</sup> March 2016 and attend at least three sessions, you will start receiving funding from the local authority. You should have received and returned the 'Information and Criteria on Early Years Funding' agreement. If you have not received one please speak to Carol urgently.

Parents of all funded children (including those parents already receiving funding) are required to sign a form stating your child's name, address, date of birth, and number of sessions.

Please come in to playgroup and sign these forms before Friday 25<sup>th</sup> April as they need to be returned on this date.

#### **FEES**

Could we please ask that fees are paid within the first two weeks of term? Please remember that if you are paying direct into our account, you should send an email to the playgroup informing us of this transaction.

#### **SAINSBURY VOUCHERS**

We are still collecting Sainsbury vouchers so please ask friends and family to help us. In previous years we have been able to get some nice equipment.

#### **WELLINGTONS**

Do you have any old wellingtons (adults or children's) which you no longer need?!! Could you donate them to playgroup for our flower display as soon as possible? (Sorry they will not be returned!)

#### **FUNDRAISING**

##### **Sponsored Bike Ride**

Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> and Friday 6<sup>th</sup> May - Children's Sponsored bike ride around the playgroup garden. Further details to follow in the weekly email.

##### **Marshfield Fete**

We will be running the Cake stall at Marshfield Fete again and so donation of cakes and help on the day will be appreciated.

Last year we won the best dressed stall. Can we do it for the second year on the run?!!

#### **TOPIC FOR THIS TERM**

Our topic for this half term will be 'Animals'. For the four days commencing Tuesday 12th April we ask that the children bring in anything to do with our topic 'Animals' for the interest table.

Please ensure it is labelled with their name.

#### **SUN PROTECTION**

On those warm, sunny days, please apply sun block to your child.

#### **PLEASE NOTE IT IS THE PARENTS' RESPONSIBILITY TO PUT SUN BLOCK ON THEIR CHILD AND NOT THE PLAYGROUP'S.**

All children require a sun hat (with their name on it). We recommend that children wear something that covers their shoulders and shoes/pumps that stay on their feet when running. In the spring / summer months accidents can easily happen if children are not wearing appropriate foot wear.

## **PARENT MORNINGS**

These sessions will now be open for the afternoon sessions as well. Parents are invited to spend a session/s with us. This is an opportunity for you to come along and see your child at play. You can join in the activities or simply watch; it's up to you.

If you would like to spend a session with your child, please put your name against the date/s on the list in the hallway. The parent sessions will continue until the end of May.

## **WEEKLY E-MAIL**

Hopefully everyone is receiving our weekly email 'Playgroup News / Home Link'. If you aren't receiving this e-mail, please see Carol.

## **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

### **MONDAY 11<sup>th</sup> APRIL COFFEE MORNING**

9.30am to 11am

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. (Siblings welcome.)

### **TUESDAY 12<sup>th</sup> APRIL PLAYGROUP RESTARTS**

### **FRIDAY 15<sup>th</sup> APRIL FARM VISIT – NORMAL MORNING SESSION**

We will be going by coach to one of our children's farm 'Charlie Prosser' to see the baby lambs and hopefully be able to feed some by bottle.

All **Pre school children are invited** to this session and we will require the attached form to be completed and returned on behalf of all children wanting to attend by Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> April. For this activity we will require some parent helpers to ensure we have the correct adult child ratio.

### **TUESDAY 19<sup>th</sup> APRIL AGM**

The playgroup will be holding its AGM at the playgroup at 7pm. All parents/guardians are welcome.

### **MONDAY 2<sup>nd</sup> MAY PLAYGROUP CLOSED DUE TO BANK HOLIDAY**

### **WEEK COMMENCING MONDAY 9<sup>th</sup> MAY HOMELINK SESSIONS**

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

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.

### **FRIDAY 20<sup>th</sup> MAY PHOTOGRAPHER**

Those children who usually attend Friday morning sessions will have their photo taken unless you advise us to the contrary. (The pre-school children will also have a graduation photo taken as well!!)

If your child does not attend this session and you would like their photo taken, please place your name on the list on the notice board (nearer the time). The group pre-school picture will be taken at approximately 10.30am. Any pre-school children who do not attend Friday morning sessions may come in at this time for the picture.

### **HALF TERM - MONDAY 30<sup>th</sup> MAY TO FRIDAY 3<sup>rd</sup> JUNE**

### **MONDAY 6<sup>th</sup> JUNE PLAYGROUP RESTARTS**

### **WEDNESDAY 15<sup>th</sup> JUNE SUMMER TRIP**

We will be visiting Noah's Ark Zoo Farm Park.

All children will need to be accompanied by an adult.

Cost on coach:-

For one adult and one child £21 (non-refundable)

The coach will be leaving at 9.15am promptly from outside school and will be back in Marshfield by 3pm (for school pick up)

The list for this trip is now on our notice board but we ask that names should only be put on once the coach is paid for.

### **WEEK COMMENCING MONDAY 27<sup>th</sup> JUNE SPORTS WEEK**

Throughout this week the children will take part in simple assault courses and races.

We ask that all children wear shorts/jogging pants and pumps/trainers all week.

### **WEDNESDAY 6<sup>th</sup> JULY PRE-SCHOOL CHILDREN'S TREAT 10am – 2pm**

This is for **all** older children (preschool children). Further information nearer the time.

**No normal afternoon session for either older or younger children.**

### **FRIDAY 15<sup>th</sup> JULY PRE-SCHOOL CHILDREN'S SPECIAL MORNING**

This is for **all** pre-school children. Children arrive at 9.05. Parents are invited at 10.30am for refreshments, entertainment and the presentation of the children's 'Special Books'.

**No normal afternoon session for either older or younger children.**

### **TUESDAY 19<sup>th</sup> JULY 10am – 2pm**

#### **END OF TERM PARTY - YOUNGER CHILDREN**

This is for **all** younger children – LAST DAY OF TERM

**No playgroup in the morning or afternoon for older children.**

### **WEDNESDAY 20<sup>th</sup> JULY 10am – 2pm**

#### **END OF TERM PARTY - OLDER CHILDREN**

This is for **all** older children – LAST DAY OF TERM.

**No playgroup for older or younger children in the afternoon.**

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**Please fill in the Permission below and return to playgroup by Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> April**

**SLUICE HOUSE FARM – FOR PRESCHOOL CHILDREN**

**FRIDAY 15<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 9AM TO 12PM**

The children will be transported by coach to Sluice House Farm at 9.15am.

Appropriate clothing and footwear for a farm visit must be worn by the child.

They will be transported back to playgroup at 11.30am by coach for normal pick up time.

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**I give permission for ..... to attend the Farm trip.**

**Please give any information that we should be aware of while visiting the farm i.e. allergies etc.**

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**Emergency contact details on the day**

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**Signature.....Parent/Guardian**