

# Playgroup News

March 2008

## Topic 'Our Wonderful World'

The topic for the summer term is *Our Wonderful World*.

Some of the areas we will be exploring will be *The Sky and everything in it* from

birds to rockets and outer space - sun, planet and moon with a mini focus on sun safety. Then later in the term *Water in our World* where we will be making boats from recycled materials making water canals and watching water travel through pipes and funnels. It will be fantastic early science exploration. Closer to the end of term just before the summer holidays we will talk about water safety, both at the beach and in pools.

The theme running through all of this will be *Looking after our planet* in which we will look at ways to recycle, what can be recycled and having loads of fun making 3D models using old boxes and containers. Could you please start collecting cartons, CDs, foil (spacemen), cardboard (rockets), plastic (boats), tubes particularly like mini egg and Pringles tubes, cereal bar boxes, large and small. If you have a large piece of furniture arrive in the next few weeks in a cardboard box, could we use it for a space-

craft?

It promises to be an exciting term with Road Safety on with our Road Safety Officer Mrs Linda Sparkes visiting on Friday 4th July. If you have any ideas from activities to resources that would enhance the children's learning, please speak to one of the staff.



## Lunch Club

Our lunch club continues to be successful and we anticipate it being very busy next term. When the weather improves we hope to spend our lunch clubs outside having a picnic in our lovely outside play area. Please return your lunch club booking form with payment asap to secure your place next term.



## End of Term

The last day of term for Sunny Bank School is Friday 18th July. However some primary schools in Potters Bar do not break up until Wednesday 23rd July. We are happy to continue to run the playgroup until Tuesday 22nd July if there is enough interest. Please could you register your interest in the extended term dates on the form on the notice board in the waiting room.

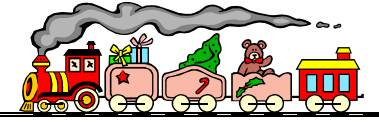


## Potters Bar Carnival

Every year St John's Nursery Playgroup participates in the Potters Bar Carnival as a walking float. We have come first the last two years. This year the Carnival is on Sunday 8th June. We are joined by our sister playgroup, St John's Baker Street and together we walk in the parade dressed to our chosen theme. This year it is going to be Outer Space, more information will follow closer to the time.

## Parent Helpers

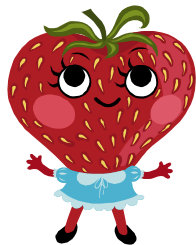
The Summer term is our busiest with new children joining us after Easter and no children leaving. We would really appreciate any parents that could spare an hour a week to come and help, either on a regular or occasional basis. You can have fun supervising the messy play,



read a book to the children in the book corner, colouring-in, help build a lego railway across the floor, or you may have a special talent which will enrich the children's morning. Any help would be fantastic. If you are interested, please speak with Mrs Murphy or Mrs Hunt.

## Healthy Snacks

Thank you to all who contribute to our healthy snack day on Wednesdays and Thursday's. We have some great varieties of fruit to sample, sometimes for the first time for the children! However, we do have a child in the playgroup with an allergy to strawberries and would appreciate if parents would avoid bringing this fruit into playgroup



Happy Easter from all the playgroup staff at St John's Nursery Playgroup Sunny Bank



## Extra Days next term

Extra days have been

allocated for the summer term and notes have been handed out. There are still a couple of spaces left on Weds and Thurs for children over 3. Any queries please see Mrs Murphy.

## Fees and Funding

You should have already received the funding

claim form for the Summer term for children already three at the start of the term. Please complete and return to us as soon as possible. If you have any outstanding fees from last term, we would appreciate early payment, thank you. If you think you might be entitled to funding as you are on benefits but your child is under 3, please speak to Mrs Murphy in confidence.

## Chicken Pox

We have had one

case of chicken pox in the playgroup in the last week. Could we ask if you child contracts it, that they might stay at home until the spots have dried to prevent spread of infection. Thanking your for your co-operation.



## Important Dates for your Diary

### SPRING TERM

Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> March End of term

### SUMMER TERM

Monday 7<sup>th</sup> April *Playgroup closed*

Tues 8<sup>th</sup> April *Current children start*

Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> April *New children Start*

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> May *Bank Holiday, playgroup closed*

Monday 19<sup>th</sup> May *Photographer: Black & White Photos, more details to follow*

Mon 26<sup>th</sup>-Fri 30<sup>th</sup> May *Half term – closed*

w/c 30<sup>th</sup> June *Road Safety Week*

Friday 4<sup>th</sup> July 11.20am *Road Safety Talk for ALL parents and carers.*

Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> June *PB carnival*

Friday 18<sup>th</sup> or Tuesday 22<sup>rd</sup> July *LAST DAY of TERM*