

# Playgroup News

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We would like to extend a very warm welcome to the new children and their parents that have started with us this term. Everyone is now settled into the playgroup routine as if they have been here forever!

## Photographer

We have a colour photographer visiting the set-

ting on Tuesday November 3rd from 8.30 am onwards. The photos are very reasonably priced (£8 for a 5"X7" and £12 for a 10"X 8" print). If your child does not attend on a Tuesday they are still welcome to have their photo's taken. Please bring them in before 10 am and we will ensure that their photo is taken with the shortest wait possible. If your child attends on a Tuesday and you do not wish your child to have their photograph taken please speak to Mrs Murphy or Mrs Whitty. Thank You



## Cake Sale

St Johns' will be holding a cake sale in the infant hall on Friday 4th December 2009 at 3.15 pm. Please support the playgroup by making or buying cakes that we can sell to the school children and their parents. We would also appreciate any offers of help from our parents to sell the cakes at 3.15 pm. The more cakes we sell the more money we will raise towards the playgroup's xmas party. We hope to raise enough money to give the children a "surprise treat" for their xmas party this year. Thank you



## The Early Years Foundation Stage

This month the children will be making the most of our woodland area outside where the children can explore the theme of "Autumn" first hand. They will be taking photos, making drawings and using magnifying glasses as they become "nature detectives" looking for evidence of Autumn in the trees, plant and animal life in the woods. The children have also been improving their fine motor skills by threading autumn leaves, sticking and rubbing leaves. They have been using their problem solving and mathematical skills by sorting and counting various autumn items such as conkers, acorns as well as singing autumn counting songs. We have also been teaching the children about Diwali this month and would like to wish everyone "Happy Diwali".



## Playgroup AGM

This year the St John's Nursery Playgroup AGM will be held at St John's Oakmere on Monday November 23rd at 1.45 pm till 3 pm. All parents & carers are welcome to attend and find out more about your child's playgroup. If you would like to have a say in how it is run you may want to consider being a parent representative on the St John's oversight committee. All ideas and opinions are welcomed. Please come to the AGM to find out more.

Children will be welcome and toys provided for them to play with. during the meeting.

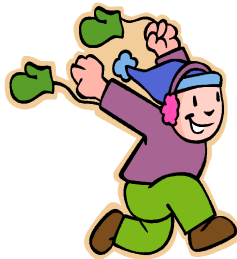


## Child collection

We take the matter of your child's safety very seriously at St John's. For this reason we have a password system to make the collection procedure of your child safer. In the event of your child being collected by a person unfamiliar to us we will request your child's password before your child is released into their care. If you have not yet supplied us with a password please could you place the password in a sealed envelope and give it to Mrs Murphy or Mrs Whitty

## Warm Clothing

Please do not forget to provide your child with a warm coat, hat and gloves, labelled with their name, for their time at play-group. In the early years, outside play is considered a vital aspect of children's learning. For this reason at St John's we go outside on a daily basis unless the weather very very very wet!



## Nativity Play

Yes that time of year is approaching again. This year our children's Nativity play is going to be on Monday 14th December at 11 am. Further details will follow nearer the time but all children are invited to take part in the nativity and perform a selection of songs regardless of whether Monday is a



session that they normally attend. Parents are also invited to stay for coffee and mince pies afterwards. So, please put this date in your diary.

If you have any concerns regarding your child taking part in the nativity play please speak to Mrs Murphy in confidence.

## Lunch Boxes

For those who attend lunch club we would like to remind you that we do not have large enough Fridge facilities to accommodate the lunch boxes. For this reason we recommend that you place an ice block in your child's lunch box. If you are unable to do this we would recommend that you avoid cold meats in your child's lunch. May we also draw your attention to our policy that no nuts must be brought into the setting. Please also remember to label your child's lunch box



## Banardo's Big Toddle

Those of you who were with us last

July may remember taking part in the Sponsored Banardo's Big Toddle where we toddled around the grounds of the school before retiring for a picnic in the playgroup garden. It was a very successful event raising over £200 for Banardo's. We would like to thank all the children and parents who took part in this event. Your support in helping us raise



**THANK YOU**

## Dates for your Diary

### AUTUMN TERM

**Monday 26<sup>th</sup> - Friday 30<sup>th</sup> October** *Half term, playgroup closed*

**Tues 3rd November**—Photographer visit

**Monday 23rd November** 1.45 pm Playgroup AGM at Oakmere

**Friday 4th December**—Cake Sale 3.15 pm

**Monday 14<sup>th</sup> December** *Xmas Nativity Play*

**Thursday 17th December 2009- LAST DAY OF TERM**

**NB. XMAS PARTY**—Date to be confirmed