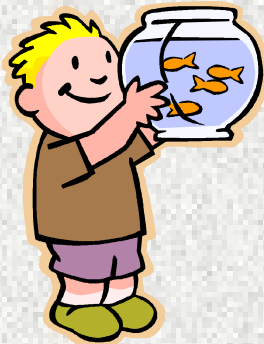


Playgroup News

Welcome back to the first 1/2 term at Oakmere school. We would like to welcome all the new children to our playgroup and hope they enjoy their time with us. We would also like to thank all the "old" Sunny Bank children for their support and loyalty during our relocation. Everyone appears to have settled in well including Freddie and Frank The Playgroup Goldfish!



Coats We have a fantastic outside play area which we anticipate using at every opportunity to enhance the children's learning experiences. However the weather is beginning to get a bit cooler and we would like to ask parents to ensure that the children all have warm clothing available during the morning to keep them warm. Please label all coats, hats etc with

Nursery Rhymes is our topic

Our theme this term is Nursery rhymes. So far we have learnt about sheep (Baa Baa Black sheep), Built many types of wall and grown cress (Humpty Dumpty). Next week we are asking the question do mice eat cheese? Whilst learning the rhyme Hickory Dickory Dock. The children will also be learning about autumn, feeding the birds in winter, Diwali, and Christmas among other topics this term. Our plans are always displayed on the parent notice board area. Please feel free to ask any questions you may have about our curriculum and planning. We would like to work with you to support your child's learning during their time in our playgroup.

Staff News

This term we have 3 new members of staff. Tracy Jones (Mrs Tracey) has come from our sister group at Baker Street, Cathy Shevell-Cooper (Mrs Cooper) has joined us with lots of pre-school experience from another setting, and Leanne Travell (Mrs Leanne), one of our Mums who has a lot of experience with children as she has 5 of her own. Mrs Sarah and Mrs Cooper



have just started their NVQ2 courses and we wish them the best of luck. Mrs Murphy has completed her foundation degree and has started the final year of her BA (Hons) in Education



studies (Early Years) and is also working towards her Early Years Professional Status.

Parent Helpers

As this is a busy term with lots of new and existing children, we would welcome any parent who would like to come and help us, either on a regular or occasional basis. Sitting in the book corner reading to the children or at one of the tables encouraging and talking with them is of real benefit. If you feel your child is settled enough and you could spare an hour to come in and help us, we would love to hear from you. Please let us know if you can help.

Lunch club

There are still some available places in our lunch club from 12 until 1 pm daily. This is a great opportunity for the children to eat, socialize and play in a smaller group environment and many children benefit from the smaller group time. It also gives parents an extra hour of valuable time to yourself. The cost of our lunch club is £3 per day payable in advance either weekly or 1/2 termly. Please see Mrs Murphy for details and a booking form.



Fruit Sharing

Please do not forget we have fruit sharing days on Wednesdays and Thursdays, where every child brings in a piece of fruit or vegetable to share at snack time. We would appreciate any types of fruit or vegetables except strawberries as we have a child with an allergy

Children's T-shirts

We have designed children's t-shirts, exactly the same as the staffs. The T-shirts are optional not compulsory, however they wash and iron easily and may save your child's clothes from getting ruined by paint, messy play etc. The T-shirts are available for £5.50 each or £15 for 3 from Leejays.



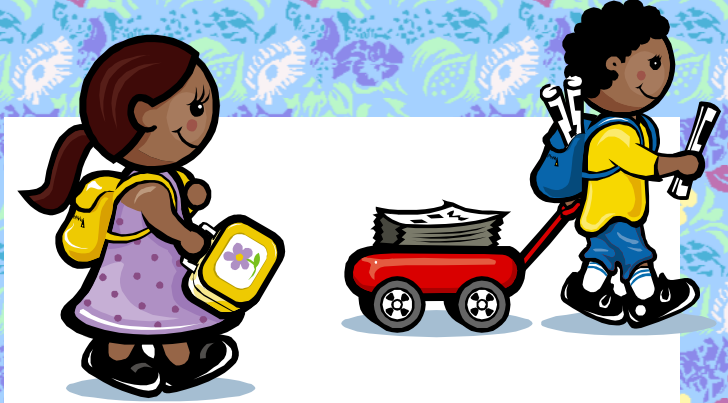
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Don't worry if you lose this newsletter or forget to put the important dates in your diary. All the information can be found on our website.....

Sunny Bank Big Toddle

We would like to thank the parents and children who took part in our "Big Toddle" at Sunny Bank. We raised £302.10 for Barnados. Our certificate can be seen on our parent notice board. When Gift Aid has been taken into consideration the amount raised will be even higher.

This is a fantastic amount of money. Well done everyone. I have signed us up for another toddler next summer



Important Dates for your Diary

AUTUMN TERM

Monday 27th - Friday 31st October - 1/2 term

TBC Road Safety Week

TBC Christmas Party for ALL children

TBC- Nativity play for ALL children and parents.

Friday 19th December 2008 LAST DAY of TERM. *Happy Christmas*