



## Newsletter January 2014

To All Parent/Carers

The staff would like to wish everyone a Happy New year and thank you again for your kind presents at Christmas, we were all very overwhelmed by your generosity.

This term we welcome Ruairidh, Cameron, Callum, Lewis and their families to our playgroup.

We would like to congratulate Brodie's family and Poppy's family who both have new additions, a wee brother for Brodie a wee brother for Poppy.



We are very proud of all the children for giving a fantastic performance on the last day. They are a credit to you all. We would also like to thank everyone for helping serve the refreshments and clear up to allow the staff to have a well deserved Christmas lunch.



### Fund Raising

Our Christmas Fayre raised a fantastic £600.00. On behalf of the committee we would like to give a huge thank you to Nikki for organising such a lovely event and everyone's support and help to get the hall and grotto looking fantastic.

The children's lovely calendar has also made a fantastic £410.00, a big thank you to Martha for organising this and getting them printed so beautifully.

Future fund raising events planned:

Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> February 7.30pm for 8.00pm (provisionally) booked for a Ladies Movie Night – more details to follow soon.

A Psychic Night is being arranged for Spring (Date TBC) and another with Maureen Smith for later in 2014.

Bag Packs are being arranged for this year (TBC).

The Textile Clothing Bin in the hall car park – Playgroup receive money from the collections for any unwanted clothes/fabrics/curtains/blankets etc.

Any help with fund raising is greatly accepted.



### Term 3 – Time Table

There are a couple of changes this term, so please see attached time table to keep you right.

This Term we are focusing on Language and Literacy and have already started learning and recapping some Traditional Tales. We hope to arrange a visit to the Library this term and also arrange the mobile Library to visit us (hopefully on a regular basis).



### **Burn Day – 25<sup>th</sup> January**

To celebrate Robbie Burns, we ask if the children can wear tartan or something Scottish to playgroup on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> January. We plan to have a Scottish Banquet and if anyone knows anyone who plays the bagpipes and able to give us a tune or have a Scottish music CD, that would be great!

Mrs Fallon from Old Rayne School has also invited all the families to the schools 'Scottish Cafe' on the Friday 24<sup>th</sup> 1.30pm-3.00pm. The playgroup children will be learning a Scottish rhyme chosen by Bronwyn, which they will be able to perform there.



### **Chinese New Year**

Chinese New Year starts on Friday 31<sup>st</sup> January; we would like to celebrate this by having a Chinese style snack and if anyone has any authentic costumes, they are more than welcome to wear them.

### Holiday/In-Service Dates for this term:

Friday 14<sup>th</sup> – Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> February (inclusive)

Easter Holiday

Monday 7<sup>th</sup> April – Friday 18<sup>th</sup> April (inclusive)

Kind Regards

Yvonne, Sinead, Kathleen, Heather and Alison Ritchie (EYT)