



## Newsletter January 2015

### To All Parent/Carers

It is great to see everyone full of enthusiasm to be back and already a week in.

We would like to welcome Cullen, Finlay and their families to Old Rayne Playgroup. The boys have already slipped into the swing of things with ease and it already feels that they have been here for longer.

We would also like to welcome the new children and their families to our 2's group which now runs on a Tuesday afternoon. We are now currently full with a waiting list!

This term the staff will be working closer with the children as we start to collate evidence to support their reports, which we are aiming to be completed by the end of April. We are trying out a package called 2Simple and will be having some in-house training on the February in-service day.

You will have noticed that we are much busier every day, with some of our children now becoming funded. We aim to split the children into 2 groups for some of the group activities so that they are receiving a better experience.

If you have any ideas to improve the drop off and pick up time easier, we will be delighted for you to share them.

### Snack

We have made adjustments to our snack menu to ensure we follow the guidance within the 'Eat Better Feel Better' Campaign and to make it easier for all involved. This menu will be changed in a 3 week rotation.

Can I highlight that we encourage the children to have the fruit and vegetable options first and monitor the amount they eat. If we feel they have had a healthy snack we will try our best to let you know, but please ask as it is difficult to remember with so many children having snack.

### Story Packs

Thanks to Sandra and Karen we are able to continue with the story packs. The children enjoy choosing a book to share at home and without their help we would find it difficult to provide this service.

### Time Table

Due to staffing reshuffling, we have adjusted the weekly timetable.

Monday	Show & Tell/Story	(2 groups)
Tuesday	Gym	(All together)
Wednesday	Baking	(Rota)
Thursday	Outdoor Day	
Friday	Story Packs	
	Book Bug or	
	Floor Book Planning	(2 groups)

### Show & Tell

This has been very popular in previous sessions.

Your child can bring in an object, toy, photograph etc from home and show it to everyone in the group. We then ask questions and encourage discussion and listening skills.

To ensure that everyone gets a turn, we have made a rota which is attached. We need your support to ensure your child has their turn.

### Gym Sessions

This term we plan to make use of the Active School Bags which we have. We will be working on skills such as throwing, catching, balancing and kicking.

### Baking Sessions

This term the children will have turns of baking something they can take home! So enjoy or at least pretend to! Again this will be done on a rota system and your child should get approx two turns this term.

### Outdoor Day

During the colder months we will continue to give the children the choice of playing outdoors. They are very good at assessing if it is too cold for themselves and many have chosen to play for only a short time. We intend to use the outdoor area as much as we can on other days too, so please ensure they have warm clothing and foot wear daily.

Yvonne, Sinead, Kathleen, Heather and Susie