



## Newsletter November 2013

To All Parent/Carers

Hope everyone had a good break and rearing to go as we have a very busy term in front of us, items detailed below for November.

Firstly we would like to welcome Nancy, Iris, Erin, Chloe, Poppy Alisa, Brodie and their families to Old Rayne Playgroup. We also look forward to working with Heather again as we trial run having our new 2 year olds within our sessions.



Shortly we will be introducing teeth brushing as per the advice from Child Smile on a daily basis after our snack. We will be welcoming Patricia back on **Friday 8<sup>th</sup> November** at 10.00 to get us started on this positive initiative.



Staying on the Health and Wellbeing track, on **Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> November**, we welcome Janice from the Insch Medical Team to give us a talk on the importance of thorough hand washing. This will be re-enforced in playgroup with the help of NHS 'Handy Andy' DVD and monitoring of hand washing.



### Snack Choice

If you have not already done so, could you please share with us your child's favourite snacks, fruit and vegetables? This will allow your children to feel valued that their choices and preferences are being acted on.



On behalf of the playgroup I would like to thank Mrs Fallon of Old Rayne School for inviting us to their end of term harvest performance. It was good to see some of you there and joining in with the 'Big Red Combine Harvester' song.

### Personal Contact Details

These need to be updated annually as part of our Health and Safety policy. Please could you return information sheets provided, adding any amendments to ensure that we have up-to-date information for you and your child as soon as possible.



### Timetable

We plan to continue with our daily group activities which have been successful last term and we have attached a timetable for your information as we have changed some of the activity days to allow more children to experience them. We will also continue to introduce a weekly rhyme; previous rhymes learnt are available on request.

As always we welcome any parent/carer who has a special talent or interest to share with the children, this will allow them to have a rich and broad education, so please do not be shy!



We have been updating your children's Learning Journals which we would like to share with you, giving you the opportunity to add to them and share any relevant information. This will be followed up with an invitation to discuss your child's progress. Details will follow soon.



Our website has been updated with last terms activities and this year's children, there are some lovely photographs. We are very fortunate to have Chris with his IT knowledge and thank him again for transferring the data we gave him.



The weather this year has been great and we intend to continue to make the best of it by using the outdoor area, garden and village to practice skills and explore. Please ensure that your child has appropriate clothing daily to allow flexibility of using this natural resource.



We cannot emphasise enough the importance of **closing the 'internal door'** every time it is used and making sure your child leaves the building with you. This is of prime importance for the safety of **all** of the children. **Please** make an extra effort to ensure this procedure is followed.



Can we take this opportunity to remind you that if your child is sick or has diarrhoea, they should not return to playgroup until 48 hours after symptoms have passed.

#### Dates for the your Diary

School In-service Days 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> November, there will be no playgroup on these days.



We will be hosting a 'Community Cafe' on the 15<sup>th</sup> November during the session, in aid of Children in Need and Old Rayne Playgroup. The children will be baking for this event and serving. There will also be Pudsey Bear Key Rings and Wrist Bands for sale. More details to follow.

Kind Regards

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