



Newsletter August 2013

To All Parent/Carers

We welcome you all back from a lovely warm summer break and hope you all enjoyed the summer sunshine!



We would like to welcome Emily, Jamie, Dylan, Harris and their families to our group and hope they enjoy their time with us at Old Rayne Playgroup.

This term we are focusing on 'Health and Wellbeing' and learning more about ourselves and each other! We have already got off to a flying start with a very busy hairdressing salon, with many budding hairdressers. Poppies have kindly offered us to visit a real salon which may inspire some of us further! It was good to have the Early Year Teacher (Alison Ritchie) in on Tuesday as she was more than willing to have the full hairdressing experience (four hairdressers at the same time!) She will visit us every fortnight on a Friday for this term.

We have started on our weekly group timetable which can be seen on the notice board in the foyer. The children have especially enjoyed the Fit Star session and recalled some of the adventures from last term. They were as excited about our new adventure, where we helped the princess discard all the sweets and help her replant the fruit and vegetables! This adventure will continue next week.



We will be having a visit from the Care Inspectorate next Tuesday to see if we meet the criteria to open up the sessions to our many 2 year olds waiting in the side lines! However the numbers of above 2.5 years have doubled already and we are receiving enquires almost on a daily basis!

Please can we take this opportunity to remind you about a few things?

Can you ensure that your child(ren) have a spare change of clothes in case of accidents, a pair of indoor shoes and appropriate outdoor clothing ready for all weathers. We **will** be taking advantage of the outdoors in our local area.

To ensure that all the children are kept safe at the beginning and end of sessions, **please** ensure that the cloakroom door is closed after every use. This allows us to be aware of anyone leaving or coming in. We would also appreciate if you are using the pedestrian gate beside the main door that you close this after use too. We thank you for your co-operation.



As always fund raising is the committee's main focus and all support is welcomed and appreciated.

Events coming up are:

Friday 30th August – Family Bingo 7pm

Please join in and bring your own refreshments, there will also be a raffle.

Saturday 21st September – Family Messy Play 2pm-3.30pm

Join in the fun and have a 'fly cup' with some lovely home bakes. See posters for further details.

Friday 27th September – Psychic Night with Audrey Harper 7.30pm- 9.30pm

At the Commercial Hotel, Inch, £15.00 per person including a glass of fizz and nibbles

Saturday 5th October

Bag packing at Asda, Huntly. All help is appreciated.

Martha our treasurer will shortly be issuing the slips for the fees due. These are due at the start of the term and we are thankful for your co-operation to return monies at your soonest convenience. Families using the childcare voucher facility will shortly be able to pay directly through this system. We will notify you once it is up and running.



We intend to re-introduce the story packs before the end of this term. Kathleen is giving them a makeover and starting this year with a list of new titles. There will be familiar toys along with them though! If anyone is willing to take responsibility of allocating these on a weekly basis we would be very grateful.

Any parent/carers with a skill, knowledge or talent that they are willing to share with the children are very welcome to do so, or if you have any ideas of how we can improve our service please feel free to share them with the team.

We are looking forward to a fun filled, busy term together.

Kind Regards

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