

# Playgroup News

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End of Term July 2016

St John's Methodist Church • Oakmere School

## It's that time of the year.....

Thank you to everyone who joined us on the **Barnado's Big Toddle/Farewell Picnic**. We were so very lucky with the weather, just managing to finish our picnic before the heavens opened. And what a wonderful walk we had. Having spent two weeks 'Going on a bear hunt', it was great to be able to walk through the swishy swashy grass and go squelch squerch through the mud, we even walked through a big dark forest but hopefully no-one stumbled or tripped! Thankfully we didn't have to wade through the deep, cold river although we spent a long time looking at the stream or encounter a swirling whirling snow storm. Some children were very pleased that we didn't come across a dark gloomy cave and the BEAR!

The egg and spoon races were a hoot and great to see the mum's haven't lost their competitive spirit to run too!  
So far we have raised a fantastic £250! If anyone else has sponsored monies, please get them in by the end of the week.

## Parent Consultations

Hopefully by now you have all had your Parent Consultations. It's another important time of the school year to have a sit-down conversation with your keyworker, to hear how your child/ren are doing, an opportunity to discuss and plan next steps and share any concerns if there are any.

## Ofsted Visit

The Ofsted visit went well on Monday. As usual, the team worked magnificently together to create an amazing welcoming, engaging, creative and educational environment for your children to continue to learn, play and develop. As the outcome will not be notified officially until we have broken up, please visit our web page to see the official judgement [www.stjohnsbakerstreet.co.uk](http://www.stjohnsbakerstreet.co.uk)

If you would like a report emailed to you, please email Mrs Mills on:  
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## Thank you

Thank you for the lovely gifts to the staff, they are very much appreciated.

## Health & Safety

### Heatwave

Hot weather has been predicted for this summer (hooray) and with it, Public Health England has issued guidelines on keeping children safe in hot weather. Here are a few guidelines:



- Children should not engage in vigorous physical activity on very hot days i.e. in temperatures in excess of 30oC
- Encourage children to play in the shade
- Clothing should be light coloured and loose and wear wide brimmed sun hats
- Use sunscreen (at least factor 15 with UVA protection) to protect their skin
- Provide children with plenty of cold water and encourage them to drink more than usual.

## Staff News

Congratulations to Bobbie, who has completed her NCFE Cache Level 2 Certificate in Introduction to Early Years Education and Care and thank you for being such a great support to us and for your youthful engagement with the children.

Mrs Mash and Mrs Turner have successfully completed the 10 week, Level 3 accreditation course with Elklan, Early Language Builders. They thoroughly enjoyed the course, learning some great new techniques, methods and fun ways to help the children develop their language skills and to support children that need specific help in this area. They will be passing on what they have learnt to the rest of the staff.

## Dates for your Diary

### Summer Term

Fri 22nd July 1pm last day

### Autumn Term 6 Sept-21 Dec

Thur/Fri 1st-2nd Sept-Closed Inset Days

Monday 5th Sept - Children return

Fri 9 Sept - New children visit

24-28 Oct Halt term - closed

Wed 21st Dec last day of term