

## POTTERS BAR CARNIVAL Sunday 11th June 2017



### Math's is FUN!

To the Parents and Carers of children attending St John's Nursery Playgroups at St John's Methodist Church and Oakmere School. The time is fast approaching for the 2017 Potters Bar Carnival. It is certainly time to start on the costumes. We look forward to seeing lots of families from both of our settings.

Our theme this year: 'Maths is Fun!' will be around the topic of Mathematics - especially focussing on SHAPES (linked to the Mr Men and Little Miss shapes), both 2d and 3d as well as numbers.

We want to make it simple, but effective from a spectator point of view. It can be difficult to see the full effect of the lovely costumes because adults obscure the view of the children, so we ask everyone, including staff, all children attending (siblings big and small) and all adults walking with us to dress up. We suggest the children wear bright t-shirts and then add the shapes to that or an A-board

#### **At playgroup, we will be making with the children:**

- Headbands with Circles, Squares, triangles, rectangles, Mr Men & Little Miss characters, numbers, kites, shapes to wear. See notice board for what we have prepared so far

#### **Other suggestions for outfits which you could make at home:**

Decorated buggy or pushchair, Beach ball (sphere), Mr Men characters, hoola hoops with Mr Men & Little Miss characters (in specific shape), witches hat (cone), top hat (cylinder), T-shirt or A-board with 3d shapes cylinder (toilet rolls), cube (small boxes). Playgroup or own sunhat with 3 or 2 d-shapes. Calculator, ruler, numbers pinned or painted on t-shirts, Shape monsters with long arms and legs.

PLEASE WRITE ON THE LIST PROVIDED ON THE NOTICE BOARD WHO WILL BE COMING TO JOIN US ON THE DAY so we can get a rough idea of numbers.

I am sure you will have lots of ideas yourselves, but please do use as many of the children's creations as possible which will be available to take home the week running up to the carnival. It's the playgroup/homemade creations that are noticed by the many local people who line the road through the town to watch the parade.

**WHEN:** Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> June 2017 at 12.30

**WHERE:** Meet in Mount Grace School Grounds, by the Mount Grace Road Entrance, Potters Bar (entrance for the Sports Centre). Please park in Mount Grace School car park at top of school and not in Mount Grace Road as the procession will need all possible space on that road. Or better still - get a lift so no cars are left in the way of the floats -it is a busy road once we are all ready to walk.

**TIME:** No later than 12.30pm as judging will take place from 12.45pm (staff will be there from 12.00).

**BRING:** We recommend bringing a packed lunch and drinks, as there is quite a lot of hanging about before we walk. A (suitably decorated) buggy - it can be a long walk. It's a good idea to apply sun cream before you come as we are often fortunate to have warm sunny weather.

**WEAR:** Costumes as above. In addition, we will have lots of items for the children to hold on the day.

**FINISH:** The whole procession will enter the field at Elm Court and continue into the arena where results of the winning floats will be announced before we are formally dispersed. You can then go and enjoy the Carnival.

**PLEASE NOTE ALL CHILDREN MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT, IN COSTUME!** - the playgroup staff will not be able to take responsibility for the care or safety of any of the children.

Please let us know ASAP if you are able to join us; brothers, sisters and other family members are very welcome too, but please can everyone attending dress to the theme! Please support us - it will be fun!

We are looking forward to a great day and seeing you all there. Contact numbers on the day are 07969 924482 or 07711 510556.

St John's Methodist Church will have a stall at the carnival where you can go for a free drink and some fun activities for your children as well as being able to buy cakes, jams and pickles.