

## POTTERS BAR CARNIVAL Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> June 2019



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 2019 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 joining us on the day.

Our theme this year as suggested by the Potters Bar Carnival Committee: PUBLIC SERVICES, which could include:

- \* Emergency services (Police, Fire, Ambulance),
- \* Health (hospital, doctors, nurses, health visitors etc),
- \* Waste services (Refuse collection; good opportunity for introducing recycling),
- \* Postal Service (letters, parcels)
- \* Education (teachers, schools, libraries)

We want to make it simple, but effective visually 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.

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

**PLEASE LET US KNOW IF WE CAN HELP YOU, BUT ALSO IF YOU HAVE IDEAS TO SHARE WITH US. See our Carnival notice board for suggestions, with some initial ideas below**

- \* Police: law enforcement officer - (we have a number of male/female police hats).
- \* t-shirt, black trousers/track bottoms. All black with pattern. Yellow high vis jacket; black/white check tape (we will order some of this)
- \* Fire: Fire fighter red t-shirt, red or black trousers; black t-shirt & trousers with fluorescent yellow & silver tape (we may have a limited amount of this) hat, hose, ladder. Fireman Sam
- \* Ambulance: white or blue outfit? Carry medical bag, instruments, bandages
- \* Health: white t-shirt or shirt to look like doctor's coat, stethoscope, bandages, weighing scales (for baby), syringe, medical bag
- \* Waste services: any old, dirty clothes, small decorated box as a dustbin, with 'rubbish' hanging out; different recycling bags with titles (glass, paper food waste etc), A dustbin/wheelie bin to push
- \* Post services: Red t-shirt, red tabard with 'post' black trousers. Postbag, parcels, letters, letter box, post van

Ideas for decorating a buggy:

- ✨ Post van or post delivery trolley
- ✨ Ambulance, fire engine or fire truck or police car
- ✨ Dustbin or recycling bin, refuse vehicle
- ✨

PLEASE LET US KNOW WHO WILL BE COMING TO JOIN US ON THE DAY. There is a list provided on the notice board, so we can get a rough idea of numbers attending.

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 9<sup>th</sup> June 2018 at 12-12.15

**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 12.15pm as judging will take place at 12.30pm (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. We will bring some additional items to carry

**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.