

## Mini Newsletter

### June 2013

**Potters Bar Carnival** Well done and thank you to all the families that were able to join the St John's Nursery Playgroup walking float at the Potters Bar Carnival this year. What a colourful display of



**Building Work Update** As mentioned in our Summer 2013 newsletter, major work will be carried out in the Rainbow Room of the playgroup during the summer holidays which will also involve laying a new floor. As a result, we have to completely empty all cupboards including the outdoor storage area in order for the workmen to access all areas. We have therefore decided to finish the Summer term on Friday 19th July after lunch club (1.00pm).

Another contributing factor to this early closure is we are funded from Herts County for 38 weeks per year and with our current proposed opening and closing dates each term, we are exceeding the 38 weeks therefore we will not receive any funds over and above the 38 weeks. Therefore,

**Morven Park** Morven Park is a National Trust site here in Potters Bar; 20 acres of parkland just past the old Police Station on The Causeway. The site has been there for over 60 years but not many people are aware of it's existence. Andy Gibbs, the new Ranger, will be joining us on the Barnados Toddle picnic to give the children an education talk about our nature and bugs in our environment. Andy will provide more information about the site including a proposed outing in September.

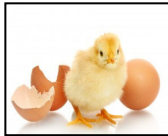
### New life at Playgroup - Theme

The theme of growing is continuing this second half term with life cycles as the main focus.

We now have 5 chicken eggs in the incubator only days away from hatching! Watch this space....

Three of the caterpillars have emerged from their cocoons, but now they are butterflies! They are testing their wings, getting stronger and ready for the big wide world of Potters Bar!

The tadpoles are doing well, a smaller number in the tank as there were too many before, hopefully in the next couple of weeks they'll be emerging as frogs!



### Nursery Fees

From September 2013, please be advised that the fees for the playgroup will be having a small increase. We still believe we charge a very reasonable rate for your child to attend an Outstanding playgroup!

Morning session 3 hours £12.90

Lunch Club 1 hour £4.30

Afternoon session 2.5 hours £10.75

All day 5.75 hours £24.75

If you have any outstanding fees for the Summer (or Spring) terms, please ensure you bring in your payment as soon as possible.

### Parent Consultations

The parent Consultation form will be on the notice board later this week. Please log your preferred 10 minute time slot to meet your keyworker.

### Term Dates

**Summer Term 2013 Mon 15th April to Fri 19 July**

Tues 9 July - Barnardo's Big Toddle Sponsored Walk

Fri 19 July LAST DAY OF TERM

**Autumn Term 2013 Mon 2nd Sept to Fri 20 Dec**

Mon 2nd Sept - INSET DAY, no children

Tue 3rd Sept - children return

Fri 6th Sept 1.30 new children first visit

Mon 28 Oct - Fri 1 Nov - HALF TERM, CLOSED