

Dear Parents, carers and family members

WE NEED YOUR HELP

This term at St John's Nursery Playgroup we will be looking at 'jobs in our community'. We have selected a few jobs initially to use as a focus for our planning, but we would like the children to have as many experiences of 'jobs' as we can provide. Dates for when each occupation will be our have been added. But any time you can help will be welcome; for example we will accommodate music within building if that is when a visit is convenient for you .

W/C 30/9 AND 21/10 We will be exploring the **building trade**. Are you a builder, decorator, carpenter, painter, plasterer, plumber or in any other related profession such as architect or interior designer. If so, would you or someone you know, be willing to come and talk to the children about your job. Bringing in 'tools of your trade' - maybe even showing the children how to cut, plane or drill holes in wood. Perhaps you have a few clean plastic pipes, wood offcuts or guttering, some small bricks, a few part rolls of wallpaper, some spare (safe) real tools to show or for the children to use.



W/C 25/11 **Musicians** is always a popular occupation or hobby. In the past Margaret Rhodes, our music co-ordinator, has been able to ask fellow musicians to come in, but we would also really like to hear what you can play or instruments which you could show the children. We have seen a didgeridoo, a finger piano, homemade drum as well as more traditional instruments such as violin, trumpet, cello, recorders, harp, guitar, trombone etc. So don't be shy, the children love the opportunity to hear a short tune and look at/listen to the different instruments



W/C 7/10 AND 14/10 We are looking at **chefs, cooks, bakers, caterers**. (This will also link in with the Harvest Festival in the church when we will be inviting you to attend a short 'service' in the church with the children on Thursday 17th October at 11.30). Do you have any items which could go on display or maybe something the children could use. Do you have any kitchen/cooking equipment such as kitchen scales which you no longer need? If you are in any of the above roles, could you talk to the children about it? Hygiene, preparation of food, special tools used could be shown to the children. Maybe you would be willing to help us to make Christmas puddings, soup, pizza or bread rolls during a session? Do you have menus, posters from restaurants which will enhance the 'restaurant' role play area?



W/C 18/11. We will be exploring the role of the **police** force. Again, do you know anyone who could come in and talk to the children. We already know of one parent who has again been volunteered, but could you come on a different day? Do you have any posters, pictures, uniform items which the children could have on display? Notepads with police logo and any other items to enhance our roleplay area. We will include road safety, having registered with 'Brake' for resources.



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W/C 2/12. Jobs within the **post office**. We plan to walk down in several groups using our 'walkodile' to post letters which the children have written. Do you work in the post office? Could we come for a visit in the sorting office? Are you a post or parcel delivery person? Would you be willing to come in and talk to the children about your job? Do you have or could you get some posters, leaflets, envelopes etc to enhance the role play area which this week will be a post office?



W/C 16/9 and 23/9. Another 2 weeks for the **Health Service**. We have asked a local dentist to come and talk to the children, and hopefully we can visit the surgery too (across the road from the church). We would like to have a nurse, or dental nurse, or doctor, health visitor come to talk to the children about their job. We have lots of nurse's uniforms but it would be nice to see or put on display a 'proper' uniform. We would be really keen to see some of the tools of the trade (though not too many scalpels and drills please). Do you have any pictures or posters or would you be able to find some for us? Do you have an x-ray picture; some 'out of date' bandages for role play? Books or stickers (ie 'been good at the doctor/nurse/dentist')?

Additionally we will be celebrating Diwali during W/C 4/11, when Mrs Narula will be showing u all the traditions associated with this special celebration. If you have anything to add to this, please let us know. Maybe you can also tell the children what your family does to celebrate. W/C 11/11 we will be looking at fireworks, talking about the lovely displays and how noises can be frightening as well as inviting the local fire brigade to show us their fire engine.



We may continue the theme into next, so if you have any ideas or would like to come and tell the children about your job, please let us know. Office worker, shop assistant, beautician, banker, farmer, optician, musician, toy maker, fire fighter, cleaner, hair dresser, vet or pet shop owner, gardener, printer - what do you do?

