

Baker Street Newsletter

Mini Newsletter



St John's Methodist Church • Oakmere School

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Staff News

St John's at Baker Street is a very busy setting with over 50 children currently and a further 18 joining us in January. As the academic year progresses from September through to July, we have up to 40 children on most days, including 40 children for lunch club! To help support and facilitate the smooth running of the setting, we have promoted Jayne Stone as Deputy to join the existing leadership team of Mrs Mills, Manager/Leader and Mrs Mash, Advanced Deputy. Mrs Stone will continue as key worker to the Red Crab group as is Mrs Mash to the Red Parrot group.

Christmas Nativity 2013 Thursday 12th December at 11.30am

We are planning to perform our nativity event in our St John's Methodist church. All the children who attend St John's Nursery Playgroup are invited to take part. Family and friends are invited to attend this wonderful event, sharing in the celebration of the birth of Jesus. Coffee and mince pies will be served in the Clifton Room from 10.50am and parents can take their seats (entering via the Clifton Room entrance) in the church from 11am where you will be able to view pictures from our sessions. If you are able to help serving, please let us know.



Children who attend on THURSDAYS should be dropped off at the normal time at 9am, the remaining children (ie those who do not attend on a Thursday) are to be dropped off at 10.50am. Please ring the bell on the gate for our attention.

Please let us know if your child will be attending (using the form on the notice board) and if your child normally attends lunch club and/or the afternoon session if they will be staying or going home with you following the nativity.



All the children are given the opportunity to wear a costume if they wish although some children don't want to and some children change their mind on the day. We will not pressure any children to dress up if they don't want to, however please do not feel too disappointed if they refuse or change their mind - remember this is the first of many opportunities they will have to perform! We are looking to borrow some children's dressing gowns on the day, if you have one we could borrow, please bring it in, **clearly labeled**.

The car park usually gets packed so please park considerately and avoid blocking cars in, as other groups may be using the buildings on this day and some parents have to rush to pick children up from other venues. We encourage you to walk if at all possible. In the past we have allowed parents to take pictures and videos (as unobtrusively as possible please), however we can only allow this with

the agreement of all parents - if you have any concerns about this, or any other issues concerning the nativity, please speak to Mrs Mash or myself in complete confidence. Videos and photos must not be uploaded onto social media sites e.g. Facebook.



Children's Christmas Party

Thursday 19th December

11.30am-1pm.

We would like to invite all the children, whether they attend on a Thursday or not to join the Christmas party on 19th December. As we are now open in the afternoon we need to cater for children who are in for the morning and/or the afternoon session as well as those children who do not attend a Thursday at all. I hope the explanation below is clear - if not, please ask.



We are asking for a contribution of £2 from every child to go towards the cost of food as we will be providing lunch, including sandwiches, fruit, vegetables, snacks, and party treats.

The lunch and party games will be from 11.30am-1.00pm when all the children will be in.

- Children who attend Thursday morning arrive at normal time (9.00) but can stay till 1.00pm.
- Children who attend Thursday afternoon are invited to arrive at 11.30am and then stay until their normal pick up time of 2.45pm.
- Children who **do not** attend Thursdays are invited to arrive at 11.30. Your child can either stay until 1.00pm or for the extra fee of £7.50 can stay for the additional 1h45 min



until 2.45pm.

In order to make this day possible we will need LOTS of parent helpers to help us prepare the lunch, set up the room and keep the children entertained. **PLEASE COMPLETE THE FORM ON THE NOTICE BOARD**

Parent Consultations

Consultations with your child's keyworker to look at your child's learning journal will take place week commencing 2nd December. As most younger children have already had their 2 year old meeting with the keyworker during November, this applies mostly to older children. If your child is staying with us in the spring term, you can discuss their progress and any issues you may have.



You will need to note on the list on the notice board your preferred 10 minute time slot. We ask you to arrive at least 10 minutes before your consultation to give you time to look through your child's learning journal.

Suggestions for issues you MAY wish to discuss with your child's keyworker

Is your child happy to come to playgroup? * Is there a particular area your child has developed in that stands out to you since attending playgroup? * Do you have any concerns or questions you wish to raise? ie concerns with your child's development? * Is there anything more that you feel your child's key person or playgroup staff could do to support your child? * Is there anything more that you feel your child's key person or playgroup staff could do to support your child? * Do you think your child benefits from our library book borrowing scheme? * If your child attends lunch club, are you happy with the amount they are eating/drinking? * Do you have any other questions, comments or suggestions you wish to make? * If your child has started potty training this term, are you happy how we have supported you and your child? * Are you happy with the communication that the playgroup provides (notice board, hand outs or face to face)?

Snow Conditions

With the possibility of snowy conditions can we remind you of our 'snow policy'. If at least two of the local primary schools are closed due to the snow, we will not be able to open either. Please check our website or phone the playgroup (07969924482) where we will leave a message.



Letters and Notices

Copies of letters and newsletters are also posted on the Playgroup's Website which can be found at www.stjohnsbakerstreet.co.uk

Reminder, our last day is Friday 20th December, finishing at 12noon. There will be NO lunch club on this day. All children return on Tuesday 7th January. We wish you all a very merry Christmas from all the staff at St John's Nursery Playgroup.

