

# Playgroup News

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**W**e are nearing the end of the Spring term. We hope you have a lovely Easter Break and look forward to seeing you from Tuesday 21st April, the start of the Summer term.

## Easter Story & Coffee Morning

**T**his term's theme All About Me has been very successful with lots of varied activities. The children have been involved in and produced some fantastic craft items. We hope you have enjoyed seeing their collage faces, Smelly Bears, binoculars and of course the Hand Prints, flower arrangement and child made biscuits for Mothers Day. We haven't heard of one mum that actually ate the biscuit, they have all been eaten by the children!

**T**o end the term, we will be having an Easter Story and coffee morning on the last day of term, Thursday 2nd April from 11am. All our children are invited to attend this event. Please bring your child to the playgroup around 11 if they don't normally attend on a Thursday. We hope many of you will be able to join us and the children in the church at 11.30 for a sing along and an Easter story delivered by Ali Facey, the minister for St John's.



## Staff News

**W**e say farewell to Margaret Steff who has left St John's to take up a position of Midday Supervision at Pope Paul School. Margaret attained her Level 2 and Level 3 in Early Years Childcare whilst at St John's and made a valuable contribution to the setting. We wish Margaret every success in her new position.

**W**e would like to welcome Clair Gilbert, taking over from Mrs Steff. Clair has recently been working with vulnerable families in Hertfordshire but wanted to take up working with children again that she started 15 years ago. Mrs Gilbert will be a 'Red Rabbit' and taking on Mrs Steff's key children.

## Marie Currie Daffodil Appeal



**W**e have heard from the children and in fact, seen some photos of the daffodils the children brought home as part of our fund raising effort for the Marie Currie Daffodil Appeal. We have received 3 donation envelopes for the appeal so far but would appreciate a few more please before the Easter Holidays so we can send our donation off to Marie Currie. Many thanks for your contribution to what we believe is a very worthwhile cause.

**Sainsbury's** We are collecting Sainsbury's vouchers. If you shop at Sainsbury's we would appreciate you collecting vouchers on our behalf. Please place in the box in the Upper Room.

## Childhood Support Services

**W**e subscribe to a useful webpage entitled Childhood Support Services provided by Hertsdirect. They produce a weekly newsletter not only for early years settings but for parents as well. Their web link is: <http://childhoodnews.hertsdirect.org/> where you can find useful articles and news items. This week under the Parents tab is an article entitled '*What to Expect, when? A parents guide. "A new publication has been developed to help parents/carers find out more about how their child is learning and developing within the early years foundation stage (EYFS)".*

**W**e recommend you have a look at the link just so you can be reassured what we are working towards here at St John's and useful indicators of what your child is doing at their particular age and how you can help them. If you would like a page printed for your child and haven't got printing facilities at home, please see Mrs Mills or Mrs Mash.

**A**nother useful article this time on health issues i.e. obesity, tooth decay and diabetes can be found at <http://www.bspd.co.uk/LinkClick.aspx?fileticket=17BxGRXFTbo%3D&tabid=147>

## Dates for your Diary

### Spring Term 7th Jan - 2nd April

Thur 2 Apr 11am Coffee morning, Easter Story

Thur 2 Apr - End of Spring Term, normal opening hours

### Summer Term 20 Apr - 22 July

Mon 20 Apr - INSET DAY, no children

Tue 21 Apr - Current children return

Fri 24 Apr - New Children's first visit

Mon 4 May - Bank holiday, playgroup closed

Thur 7 May - voting day, playgroup closed, possible group outing including parents

Thur 14 May - Photographer, B/W photos

25-29 May - HALF TERM - CLOSED

Sun 7 Jun - Potters Bar Carnival- children and families invited to attend

Barnardo's sponsored walk: all children with family invited to attend date TBC

Wed 22 July - End of term TBC