

POTTERS BAR CARNIVAL Sunday 7th June 2015

To the Parents and Carers of children attending St John's Nursery Playgroups at St John's Methodist Church and Oakmere School. It is nearly time for the 2015 Potters Bar Carnival. It is certainly time to start on the costumes. We hope to see lots of families from both of our settings.

Our theme this year will be our favourite books at playgroup to tie in with the topic for the first half of the summer term. We all enjoy reading together at St John's so we have chosen some specific books to focus on for the costumes (to avoid Spiderman and princesses!)

The books which we have focussed on this term are listed on the notice board. To start off the costumes we will make several items at playgroup and we also suggest things which you could easily, cheaply make at home

At playgroup, we can make with the children the following items or you can make them at home. Please let us know if you need any ideas or assistance.

- Masks: troll and goats for *The Billy Goats Gruff* (already made)
- *The Hungry Caterpillar*: Butterfly wings, antennae headbands, food caterpillar eats i.e. cherry pie, apples, strawberries etc. (coloured in pictures pinned to top)
- Pig masks for *3 Little Pigs*
- Witches hats for *Room on a Broom*
- Tiger tabards we have - you can paint their faces
- We can make a crown for *The Frog Prince*, we also have a green onesie
- We have a blonde wig for *Goldilocks* and some bear masks on a stick
- Cardboard gingerbread men which can be stuck on a 'baking tray' for *The Gingerbread man*

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 7th June 2015

WHERE: Meet in the 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 12.30pm as judging will take place from 12.45pm (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 at the beginning! 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: Homemade costumes as above. In addition, we will have lots of items for the children to hold or wear on the day.

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 - 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! You are welcome to bring buggies - decorated according to the theme would be great! 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.

St John's Methodist Church will have a stall at the carnival where you can go for a free drink and some fun activities for your children as well as being able to buy cakes, jams and pickles.

Below are some more ideas to help you in your creativity!