

# Collaton St Mary Community Playgroup Committee Autumn Newsletter

**Welcome back** to the autumn term. We hope that you have had an enjoyable summer break, despite the lack of sunshine. A special welcome to all the new children and their families who join us this term; we hope that you will soon settle in and feel part of our group.

## **Our New Supervisor**

We are pleased to announce that Julia Yarrell has been appointed as our new Supervisor and we wish her well in her new role. We know that she is looking forward to the challenges that lie ahead and with Kim as her assistant and with the support of the rest of the Playgroup team, Jane, Lesley, Jenni, Debbie, Alison and Jackie, we are ensured that the Playgroup will continue to thrive.

## **Michann's leaving gift**

Thank you to everyone who contributed towards Michann's leaving gift. With the money collected we were able to buy a necklace, perfume and a Dartington glass vase.

Thank you also for your generous donations of cakes and biscuits for the end of term. We raised a combined total of £53.73 from the sale of teas and the raffle.

## **Barnado's Toddle**

The toddle raised in total an amazing £440.50 of which £110.50 is kept by Playgroup, the rest going to the Barnado's charity. We will let you know what the money is to be spent on.

## **Clothing at Playgroup**

During the summer term the staff became concerned regarding the safety issues arising from the clothing worn by some of the children coming to playgroup. We would therefore like to reinforce the need for clothing and footwear that are suitable to enable all of the children to participate in the activities that are available each day. In addition although overalls are provided for painting and messy play, it is inevitable that

sometimes the children will get paint; glue or grass stains on their clothing, so easy wash items are always best.

## **Lunch Club**

Lunch club continues to be very popular and is a great way of helping the children to prepare for lunch times at school.

We continue to promote healthy eating at Playgroup and ask that you support us by providing a healthy packed lunch and drink for your child when they attend lunch club. As mentioned in our welcome booklet fruit is not absolutely necessary, as we do provide fruit at snack times. Please put an appropriate amount of food for your child in their box, as the staff try to keep to a time limit for eating of 30 minutes.

## **Invoices**

You will be receiving your invoices for this half term at the start of the second week. It would be appreciated if the fees could be paid promptly by the date shown as it is very time consuming to chase up late and outstanding payments.

## **Committee**

The committee is still looking to welcome new members, so if you feel that you would like to join us or would like to find out what is involved please speak to Tara Berlyn (Luke's Mum) or Julia.

## **Newsletters**

A copy of all newsletters can now be found on the Playgroup website [www.collatonstmaryplaygroup.co.uk](http://www.collatonstmaryplaygroup.co.uk).

