



# Collaton St Mary Community Playgroup

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Registered Charity No 1032565

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Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome back to the second autumn half term. We hope you had an enjoyable break. We have lots of information for you so please read on!

### **Morrison's Vouchers**

Morrison's will be finishing giving their vouchers this week. Please bring in any vouchers you have so that we can send them off.

### **Tempest Photographs**

As we had not received many photograph orders at the end of the half term we have managed to extend our date when we have to return them. The deadline is now Friday 7<sup>th</sup> November!

### **Road Safety Week**

Next week is National Road Safety week and on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> November at 1.30pm we are having a visit from the Torbay Road Safety team.

### **Children in Need Day**

Friday 14<sup>th</sup> November is Pudsey bear day. We hope to have fun as well as raising some money for children in need. Children can wear something yellow or spotty, and also bring in a favourite teddy for our teddy bears picnic.

### **Torbay Learning Packs**

We have taken the opportunity to order some special learning packs that are available to us from Torbay Early Years. These are on a library type system and there are a selection of packs available that cover different areas of learning. These packs include various items that children can take home and use for two weeks. The packs are then returned to playgroup for other children to take home. If you are interested please see Julia.

### **Bags**

We have purchased some 'shopping type' bags that we are giving to children to bring home letters and information, as well as items they may have made at playgroup. Your child will be allocated a numbered coloured bag which would need to be brought back into playgroup each time they bring it home.

### **EYFS**

For those parents not already aware we are now planning our weekly playgroup activities in line with the new Early Years Foundation Stage method. Julia and Kim are currently undertaking the training for this. We hope very soon to be able to provide you with some more information. Our weekly planning sheet is displayed on the board on the far side in the playgroup room and you are welcome to look at this if you wish.

### **Families Information pack**

There is a folder with information about different activities, help and advice etc available in Torbay. Please take a moment to look at this as there are lots of interesting activities available particularly if you have younger children.

### **Parents Evening**

We will be holding our parents evening towards the end of this half term. Please see Julia or your child's key worker to book your appointment.

### **Welcome**

We welcome Jane Eeles to our playgroup. Jane is a local childcare tutor who is currently completing a degree course. As part of her degree she has to complete a dissertation which requires her to spend some sessions in a childcare setting. To obtain information she will need to observe children at play and make written notes. She would be grateful if you could sign and return as soon as possible the attached permission slip. Thank you for your help with this and we hope Jane will enjoy her time at Collaton Playgroup.

## **Christmas Dates**

Christmas is fast approaching- so here are some dates for your diary.

### **Christmas Cracker.**

The village Christmas cracker fair takes place on Saturday 22nd November. If anyone is able to help on this day please let Julia know.

### **School Christmas Fair**

This will be on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> December. Playgroup usually has a tombola stall, for which we give a percentage of the profits to the school and the rest for our playgroup funds. If you have any suitable tombola items then please bring them to playgroup and place them in the collection box marked tombola.

### **Christmas Play**

Our end of term Christmas play will be on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> December at 2pm followed by refreshments (contributions of cakes and biscuits nearer the time would be gratefully received).

### **Christmas Party**

We break up on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> December at 12noon following our Christmas party which will be from 10am - 12noon. It is our usual tradition to have a visit from Santa and we ask parents to purchase a £5 gift (wrapped please) for their child, which will be given to them by Santa at the party. If you would like to contribute food for the Christmas party please sign your name on the list which will be available at the beginning of December.

We look forward to a happy and fun-filled term.

Julia, Kim, Jenni, Lesley, Jane, Jackie, Debbie, Alison, Shauna.