



Collaton St Mary Community Playgroup Committee Spring Newsletter

With the Spring term well under way, we thought it was time to give 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.

Qualifications and Training

Kim is now very close to completing her EYPS (Early Years Professional Status), so well done to her.

Safeguarding children is one of the main areas where training has been available in Torbay recently, the staff have now updated their child safeguarding training and Julia and Jayne have attended a safer recruitment course.

OFSTED Inspection

The committee would also like to say well done to all the staff for achieving a very good result in our recent OFSTED inspection. With so many changes within pre-school education it sometimes makes it very hard to keep on top of it all, but we are lucky to have a very dedicated team who take it all in their stride.

We are awaiting a minor change to the Inspection report on the OFSTED website the wording part way through the document should say that **all staff** have completed safeguarding training not 'most'.

However amended paper copies are available for you to read. We have one copy pinned up on the notice board and 3 available for you to take away and read or alternatively you can see the report by clicking the link on our website homepage.

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Capital Grant

We have now received the rest of the Capital Grant and everything has been purchased for ICT and the outside area and the Parish Rooms now have the new sets of doors which make movement in and out through them much safer for everyone.

Red Nose

Our Red Nose Day fun morning went very well. A big thank you to those parents who were



able to come along and joined the children for their magic show, which was kindly donated by Merlin the Magician. We raised a total of £80 which has been sent to support this worthy charity.

Fee Payments

Can we please remind you that invoices should be paid during the fee paying week. We have allocated time in these weeks for Jane to receive payments and issue receipts to make the process easier. As always if you have a query regarding your bill please see Jane as soon as possible.

In our Fee Paying Policy we also so state that once you have chosen your child's sessions for a term you will be charged for those sessions, as we have to ensure staff child ratios for the number of children on the register in advance.

Committee

It's AGM time again! We have a very friendly committee who meet usually one every half term and we are always looking for new members. If you feel that you would like to join us or would like to find out what is involved please speak to Tara or Julia.

The date for the AGM will be confirmed soon, so look out for the poster.

Newsletters

A copy of the latest and recent newsletters can now be found on the Playgroup website, at this address: www.collatonstmaryplaygroup.co.uk.

Please see attached slip regarding receiving your newsletters etc by email.