



# St Joseph's Pre-School Playgroup

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## Newsletter Spring term 2010

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### Welcome to the following children:

Stephen Cordingley  
Terrin Thomas  
Caitlin Nye  
Grace Moore  
Jack Tappin  
Alexender Brock  
Nathan McGrath  
Lily Puttick  
Oliver Owen  
Nicholas Butcher  
Milo Wishart  
Holly Elliott

### Welcome to new staff member

Louise Mote is working as support staff and emergency cover. All three of Louise's children went to playgroup. One is now at St. Bedes, and two are at St Josephs.

### Playgroup term dates 2010

#### Spring term

4<sup>th</sup> January – 26<sup>th</sup> March

#### Half term

15<sup>th</sup> February – 19<sup>th</sup> February

#### Summer term

19<sup>th</sup> April – 16<sup>th</sup> July

#### Half term

31<sup>st</sup> May – 4<sup>th</sup> June

### The half term theme is:

#### *Myself*

The children have been looking at themselves in the mirror and discussing what they see. They have also been drawing what they see and making collage faces. This work encourages the children to know that they are all special.

The children have been learning rhymes about themselves:

God made my hands and fingers  
God made my feet and toes  
God gave me two bright shining eyes  
Two ears, a mouth and a nose.

The world is full of people  
As different as can be  
But do you know who God made?  
God made me.

Two little eyes to look around  
Two little ears to hear each sound  
One little nose to smell what's sweet  
And one little mouth that likes to eat

As the term continues the children will be finding out about Easter, and adding their handprints to our playgroup cross. They will also be looking at shapes and linking them to their environment.

### New toys and equipment

At playgroup we have been delighted with some new toys and equipment that arrived recently from a grant given to us from Surrey Early Years. This has included a new climbing frame, slide and monkey run. Also, toy power tools, exploratory blocks, a box of ICT equipment to explore and much more.

### Dates for your diary

**18<sup>th</sup> March:** sponsored welly boot throw and cake sale for afternoon children.

**19<sup>th</sup> March:** St Joseph's day celebrations with sponsored welly boot throw, magic show and cake sale for morning children.

### It's all about you!

Would you like to come in and talk to the children about your job or an interesting hobby you may have?

Do you speak another language at home and would like to share this with us? We would love to hear you read a story in your language to the children or perhaps teach us colours, numbers or a simple song.

If you would like to come and talk to the children please speak to a member of staff

### Forthcoming themes

#### Summer term

Mini beasts, Pesach and water

## E newsletter

In the interests of doing our bit for the environment, the St Joseph's Pre-School Playgroup newsletter is now available as an email. To make sure you receive your copy, please send your email address to:

[subscribe@stjosephsplaygroup.co.uk](mailto:subscribe@stjosephsplaygroup.co.uk)

Also, if you would like to advertise in, or sponsor, a newsletter please send your details to the above address.

## Water bottles

Can parents please be aware that water bottles should only contain water – not squash or juice. Water bottles should also carry your child's names. Can we also remind parents to collect their child's water bottle at the end of each session.

Thank you.

## Lost property

Can we ask that all parents check the lost property box on a regular basis.

Thank you.

## That's mine

Children will be outside this term in all but unsafe weather so can we ask that they have the right clothing with them, i.e. rain coat, wellies etc. Please could all parents also make sure that coats and other belongings are **clearly named** as it saves a great deal of time.

## From the fundraising team

### Annual sponsored welly boot throw

#### Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> March 12.15pm – 2.45pm

Children that attend afternoon sessions are invited to a sponsored welly boot throw during normal afternoon playgroup hours. There will be refreshments and a cake sale for parents from 1.45pm. The welly boot throw will take place at 2.15pm. Afternoon playgroup will finish at the usual time, 2.45pm.

#### Friday 19<sup>th</sup> March 9.45am – 12.00pm

For those children who attend the morning sessions, as part of our St Joseph's day celebration, we have organised a magic show followed by our annual sponsored welly boot throw and cake sale. There will be refreshments and the cake sale in the lounge bar for parents and siblings, and the welly boot throw will take place at 11.15pm. This special celebration is open to the older children who will be leaving playgroup at the end of the summer term to go to school.

**Don't forget the welly boot throw aims to raise as much money as possible, so please collect as many sponsors as you can for your child to throw the welly boot as far as they can!**

The fundraising team will need help on both of the above days with setting up the hall and providing refreshments. If you can, please sign up to help on the sheet in the foyer. We would also appreciate cakes for the sale which can be bought to the bar lounge on the day.

### Donation requests

The fundraising team would ask that all parents look out for donation requests. Information on fundraising activities will come to parents via letters and notices on the notice board. The playgroup relies on the funds produced by the fundraising team so we would ask you to please get involved and give generously where possible.

Many thanks from the fundraising team

## Core committee members

### Joint chairs

Sara McGinley  
Karen Davitt

### Joint treasurers

Kate Locke  
Andrew Moore

### Secretary

Emma Locke

### Vice Chairpersons

Kaye Griffin  
Eileen Sawyer

### Health and Safety

Claire Donnelly

### Fundraising leader

Tina Osman

## Committee meeting dates 2010

Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2010  
Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> May 2010

Please note all parents are welcome to attend the committee meetings. Meetings are usually held in playgroup.

## AGM 2010

AGM Monday 28 June 2010.