



# St Joseph's Pre-School Playgroup

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## Newsletter Autumn term 2009

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### Welcome to the following children:

Madeline Griffin  
Charlie Rose  
Ronan McNamara  
Milan George  
Marie Yvette Dennis  
Lana Perkins  
Carla Doneux  
Maxwell Smith  
Thomas Cassin  
Christopher Ablat  
Vishaka Dias  
Rowan Marley  
Jerald Pakalomattom

### Playgroup term dates 2009/10

#### Autumn term

7<sup>th</sup> September – 18<sup>th</sup> December

#### Half term

26<sup>th</sup> October – 30<sup>th</sup> October

#### 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:

### *Fairytales*

#### Key stories:

Goldilocks and the three bears  
Three little pigs  
Jack and the beanstalk  
Cinderella  
The enormous turnip  
Gingerbread man

So far this term we have received excellent support from families sharing their holiday experiences. This has enabled the older children to gain confidence to talk about a memorable moment spent whilst on holiday with their family.

The children have also been having fun with clapping rhythms and musical versions of many stories.

During this term the children will be gaining direct experience of growing vegetables. They have already planted radishes, and later in the term they will be planting beans.

The children will also be making gingerbread men to accompany the reading of that story.

Several of the key stories the children are reading this term link to harvest, so we will be looking at how harvest is celebrated in Zambia.

And finally, all the children have been making handprints to update our belonging cross in the foyer.

### Other dates for your diary:

#### 5<sup>th</sup> October:

Photographer

#### 29<sup>th</sup> November:

Christmas Fayre

16<sup>th</sup> December: Nativity Play (am children only)

17<sup>th</sup> December: Christmas Party (pm children only)

18<sup>th</sup> December: Christmas Party (am children only)  
Playgroup closes for Christmas holidays

### Coming next half term...

The children will be representing fireworks in a variety of ways for bonfire night and Diwali. They will also be preparing for Christmas.

### Forthcoming themes

#### Spring term

Jungles, Chinese New Year, myself and Easter

#### 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 will now be 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 – and 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 the 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

### Playgroup Christmas fayre 2009

Preparations are already under way for this year's Christmas fayre. This event takes place on **Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> November** in the Parish Centre directly after 10.30am Mass.

This is the most important fundraising event in the playgroup calendar and we would ask everyone to take part – whether it be running a stall, donating toys for the toy stall, baking/providing cakes for the cake stall, helping to clean up or just coming along and spending lots of money! To find out how you can help, please contact Tina Osman or a member of the fundraising team, and please look out for forthcoming notices in the entrance hall as to how you can get involved.

### Tea towels

As part of the fundraising efforts for this year the children will be designing a tea towel featuring a handprint of every child. These high quality tea towels will be on sale for only £4.50.

If you would like a really wonderful souvenir of your child's time at playgroup don't forget to fill in your order form and return it by 23<sup>rd</sup> October. This year the only way to purchase your tea towel is to pre-order!

### 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.

Thank you from the fundraising team

## New core committee trustees

### 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 2009/10

Wednesday 7 October 2009  
Tuesday 3 November 2009  
Wednesday 2 December 2009  
Monday 4 January 2010  
Thursday 4 February  
Monday 1 March 2010  
Tuesday 4 May 2010  
Monday 7 June 2010

Please note that all parents are welcome to attend the meetings. Committee meetings are usually held in the main hall.

### AGM 2010

AGM Monday 28 June 2010